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Are nearly finished. Several are not yet taken. Fire-proof, with vaults. English tile floors throughout. No offices in the city equal these in every first-class respect. Plans of the Tribune Building can be seen at the office of
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GREAT BANKRUPT SALE
Of Stock of Paper, Blank Books, Stationery and Fancy Articles.
The undersigned assignee of Geo. R. Starr, adjudged bankrupt, hereby proposes to offer for sale the entire stock of said bankrupt, located at No. 126 Twenty-second-st., Chicago, on the 15th December, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m. The stock is in good order and well assorted, and consists of Paper, Blank Books, School and Miscellaneous Books, Envelopes, Pens, Pencils, Desks, Inkstands, Chess and Cribbage Boards, Gold Pens and Pocket Knives, Croquet Sets, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. Any one wishing to examine stock and inventory will call at the assignee's office, Room 35, No. 159 LaSalle-st.
GEO. W. CAMPBELL, Assignee.
Dec. 13, 1872.

Malaga Grapes.
Fine Raisins, Figs, Currants, canned goods and fancy groceries, for sale by
M. GRAFF & CO., 57 and 61 Market-st.

ICE TOOLS
FOR SALE BY
P. S. MESEROLE, 204 Lake-st.

MISCELLANEOUS.
RECOMMENDATION.
Having been cured, sufferers from RHEUMATISM, after trying all and every possible remedy, and finding the most celebrated medical advisers without relief, we were at last told that Mrs. A. BROOKER, 120 Grand-st., would relieve us. We applied to her and were cured within a week. We would, therefore, recommend to the attention of all similarly afflicted to this fact.
JOSEPH GLUCKHEIMER, 63 West Indiana-st., Chicago.
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CHRISTOPH HARSEN, 540 North Halsted-st.
And in the name of many others.

Holiday Goods
AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
At Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co.'s,
118 and 120 Monroe-st., Chicago.

NEW BANK.
THE MONROE BANK of MILLER, WATSON & MORRILL is now ready for business. The attention of the public, their neighbors especially invited. Capital, with individual liability, $100,000.
JOHN MILLER, President.
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Microscopes & Magic Lanterns
At M. POLACHEK'S, Optician,
70 East Madison-st., next McVicker's Theatre.

New Juvenile Books,
At RUSSELL'S, 148 State-st.

Holiday Evergreen Decorations!
Churches, halls, etc., decorated with evergreens, etc., can be accommodated reasonably. Orders left at counting-room or superintendence. Application solicited.
KING & HAMES, 120 LaSalle-st.

Steam Warming.
Apparatus for heating Stores, Factories, &c. Jobbing promptly executed by
WATSON & MORRILL,
169 Michigan-st.

DIED.
HOWLAN—Tuesday morning, Dec. 10, at 5 o'clock, Thomas Howlan, aged 57 years.
Funeral from residence, 30 Ducell-st., Thursday, at 9 a.m., to the Church of the Holy Family, thence to Calvary.
Cards omitted.
HERNAN—Dec. 10, from injuries received by being run over by a train of cars belonging to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, Monday evening, Dec. 9, John J. Kiernan, aged 19 years and 27 days.
Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 10:30 a. m., from the residence of his parents, 672 Fulton-st., by carriages to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited.

AUCTION SALES.
By ELISON & FOSTER.
High Art Sale
CONCLUDING SALE
OF H. A. ELKINS' collection of
ELEGANT OIL PAINTINGS,
TO TAKE PLACE ON
Thursday Afternoon and Evening, Dec. 12, at 3 and 7 1-2 o'clock,
AT 970 Wabash-av., near 22d-st.,
Consisting of Works by James M. Hart, New York; Louis Lang, New York; Peter Geal, an old Flemish master; Schmitz, Dusseldorf; Laurits Holm, Dusseldorf; L. Otto, Munich; W. Stirton, Munich; Ollenbeck, Dusseldorf; J. Snyder, Antwerp; Gart, London; H. A. Loop; P. F. Rood; Jasper Lowman; and many others, forming one of the finest collections of Pictures ever sold by any Western artist.
ELISON & FOSTER, Auctioneers.

The Great Sale
BY AUCTION
OF
ELEGANT
MARBLE STATUARY,
BEAUTIFUL
Bronzes and Clocks
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
Thursday Afternoon and Evening, December 13, and 7 1-2 o'clock, at Store 57 Green-st., corner of Madison-st.
The sale will continue from day to day until the entire collection of these beautiful goods are sold.
ELISON & FOSTER, Auctioneers.

By GEO. P. GORE & CO.
22, 24, and 26 East Randolph-st.
On Thursday, Dec. 12, at 9 1-2 a. m.,
WE SHALL OFFER
Suit Goods, Hosiery,
Fleece-Lined Gloves,
Infantry Dress Coats,
Cavalry Jackets,
AND A LINE OF
Hats, Caps, & Turbans.
GEO. P. GORE & CO., Auctioneers.
22, 24 and 26 Randolph-st.

AT AUCTION,
Wire and Chamber Sets, Wardrobes, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Sofas, Lounges, Extension Tables, Chairs, Rockers,
Household Furniture from several Dwellings,
Crockery, Yellow and Rocking Ware, Ground corner Bedsteads, 40 Rolls Carpet, 50 Extension Tables in the white.
AT 10 O'CLOCK,
Mirrors, sold for whom it may concern,
Piano, 30 Show Cases. On Saturday, Dec. 14, at 9 1-2 o'clock.
G. P. GORE & CO., Auctioneers.

By WM. A. BUTTERS & CO.
55 and 57 South Canal-st.
SALE OF
DRY GOODS.
Also, Kid Gloves, 100 doz. Buck Gloves and Gauntlets, 200 doz. Hosiery; 200 doz. Shirts and Drawers, 25 doz. Mulligan Jackets, 75 doz. Nubias and Knit Goods, Cassimeres, Ladies' Knit Clothing, Hats, Caps, Notions, &c. Also Ladies' Beaver, Seal and Astrachan Sacques of the latest styles,
BY AUCTION,
On THURSDAY) MORNING, Dec. 12, by Wm. A. Butters & Co., 55 and 57 South Canal-st.
WM. A. BUTTERS & CO., Auctioneers.

Mr. Alex. Von Wendt's
UNPARALLELED COLLECTION OF
PAINTINGS
Now on Exhibition
AT
NO. 228 STATE-ST.,
WILL BE SOLD ON
Wednesday Afternoon, Dec. 18.
WM. A. BUTTERS & CO., Auctioneers.

By C. C. THAYER & CO.
IMPORTED
CHAMPAGNES & ALES
At Auction,
For account of whom it may concern,
On Thursday Morning, Dec. 12, at 10 1-2 o'clock,
AT 186 East Madison-st.
The goods will be sold as above, without reserve, the following packages, duties paid:
Cases Roderer's and other Champagnes,
Qrks. McEwen's Ales.
Terms—Cash.
C. C. THAYER & CO., Auctioneers, 186 East Madison-st.

By HARRISON & CO.
On Thursday Morning, at 11 o'clock,
AT OFFICE PARTITION, with two Glass Doors, Counters, Settees, etc., etc.
Also, Office Furniture, Carpets, Stoves, &c.
HARRISON & CO., Auctioneers,
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200 BARRELS
Of the BANDMAN ARTIFICIAL (Star) Brand of the PORTLAND CEMENT for sale by the COMPANY'S PORTLAND CEMENT Co.
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WATCHES AND JEWELRY.
DIAMONDS,
WATCHES,
AND
FINE JEWELRY.
$100,000 Worth
OF THE
Finest Holiday Goods.
PRICES THE LOWEST IN THE CITY.
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☞ Open every evening until 9 o'clock during the month of December.

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Silver Ware.
We have an immense stock of "Gorham" Sterling Silver Ware for Holiday Gifts.
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AT WHOLESALE.
A General Assortment of
Fine Fancy Goods,
FOR SALE TO
THE TRADE,
AT LOW PRICES, BY
BURLEY & TYRRELL,
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CORNER VAN BUREN-ST.

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REMOVAL.
E. F. HOLLISTER & CO.,
Carpet Warehouse,
Have removed to the New and Spacious Store,
121 & 123 STATE-ST.,
NEAR MADISON,
Where they will be pleased to see their friends after this date.

FURS.
REMEMBER
That the largest and best stock of LADIES' FINE FURS is found at
BISHOP & BARNES',
Corner State and Monroe-sts.,
SIGN OF THE BLACK BEAR,
Opposite Palmer's Grand Hotel.
FURS Sable, Mink, Ermine, Seal, &c. Children's Furs. Gents' Seal Caps and Gloves. Sleigh Robes, &c. LOWEST PRICES.
J. S. BARNES & CO., 164 East Madison-st.

OCEAN NAVIGATION.
NOTICE.
ALLAN LINE
Montreal Ocean Steamship Company.
The business connected with the Allan Line of Steamships heretofore conducted by FRED. S. WINSLOW will henceforth be carried on solely in the name of ALLAN & CO.
The steamers of the LIVERPOOL MAIL LINE (sailing from Liverpool every THURSDAY, and from Portland every SATURDAY), calling at Londonderry to receive on board and land mails and passengers to and from Ireland and Scotland), are intended to be despatched from Portland:
Scandinavian.....14th Dec. | Carnatian.....4th Jan.
Prussian.....21st Dec. | Moravian.....11th Jan.
Peruvian.....28th Dec. | Polynesian.....18th Jan.
Rates of passage from Portland:
Cabin, $70 to $80 Gold | Steerage.....$25 Gold
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CUNARD MAIL LINE
Established, 1840.
From New York every Wednesday. From Boston every Saturday. Cabin passage $80 and $100 gold. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
Steerage to and from British points.....$30.00 currency.
Steerage to or from German ports.....35.00 currency.
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Drafts on Great Britain, Ireland and the Continent. Through bills of lading for merchandise to and from Europe.
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Rupture.
In susceptible cases cures are guaranteed by the use of our Radical Cure Truss. Call and have your case examined. All kind of Trusses carefully fitted.
MARSH & ROWLES, 160 Wabash-av.

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ABANDONMENT
OF THE
SILK TRADE!
Monstrous Reductions
That will agitate the whole community.
A POSITIVE FACT.
An entire stock of Fancy Silks that must be sold between now and January 1.
A remarkable opportunity for making a beautiful and substantial
HOLIDAY PRESENT.
Read the particulars and
REMEMBER THE FACTS
We propose to clear out every yard of Colored Silks between now and New Years, and in order to induce buyers from the
SOUTH SIDE,
Buyers from the West Side, and buyers from the North Side, and from every part of the city to come to
O. S. CANFIELD & CO.'S,
328 West Madison-st.,
we shall offer the entire stock at prices never before seen by the
OLDEST INHABITANT.
Beautiful shades for party dresses, for ball dresses, for calling dresses, and for street dresses.
FROM TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS
Can be saved by coming to
CANFIELD & COMPANY'S,
On a single dress of Silk. There is no place in this city, There is no place in this country where Silks have been sold at such fearfully low prices, since the panic of 1857. The whole stock will be brought forward and displayed, and all of our salesmen will be put on this part of the stock at present.
ALL SALES CASH ON DELIVERY.
Sale to commence Saturday, December 14.
O. S. CANFIELD & CO.,
328 Madison-st.

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BANKING HOUSE OF
LUNT, PRESTON & KEAN,
WEST SIDE, cor. Halsted & Randolph-sts.
SOUTH SIDE, 157 and 159 LaSalle-st.
Accounts Received.
Business Paper Discounted.
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On real estate, in the city or suburbs, at current rates.
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MEETINGS.

Knights of Pythias.

Brother Knights of DeMolay Lodge, No. 13, are hereby ordered to attend a regular convention of their lodge Friday evening, Dec. 13, at Castle Hall. Nominations of officers for ensuing term. By order Geo. O. Garner, Chancellor Commander.
F. E. HINDS, K. & C. S.

Masonic.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M. Annual convocation this (Friday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, for election of officers and payment of dues. Hall corner of Randolph and Halsted-sts.
J. WOODMAN, H. P.
J. O. DICKERSON, Sec.

Masonic.

Regular Communication of Dearborn Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M., this (Friday) evening, Dec. 13, A. D., 1872. Work on the M. M. degree. By order of the W. M.
A. T. LARGE, Sec.

Masonic.

Special Notice. Home Lodge, No. 338, A. F. & A. M. There will be no meeting to-night. Regular communication, by dispensation, Saturday evening, at 7½ o'clock, at Apollo Hall, State-st., near Thirtieth. By order of the W. M.
B. E. W. LOOKE, Sec.

MUSICAL.
Mason & Hamlin Organ Co.,
251 Wabash-av., corner Van Buren-st. These Organs are acknowledged to be unrivaled in excellence. See ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE AND TESTIMONIAL CIRCULAR. Organs to rent.

WASHINGTON.

The Louisiana Difficulty Before the Supreme Court.

Argument of Counsel on Both Sides---Decision Reserved.

Julius White, of Chicago, Confirmed as Minister to the Argentine Republic.

Senator Ames Has a Grievance, and Leaves the Military Committee.

An Indiana Politician Wants a Foreign Mission as His Reward.

The Postal Telegraph to be Considered in Committee on Monday.

Proceedings in Congress Yesterday.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE LOUISIANA CASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The argument in the Louisiana prohibition case occupied the time of the Supreme Court, to-day, as well as attracted general public attention. The case will be decided on Monday next. It seems to be conceded on all sides that the Court will adhere to its previous established precedents, and will hold that a writ of prohibition cannot issue except in admiralty or maritime cases. Some other means will have to be adopted, if it is the serious intention of the parties interested to get the Louisiana muddle fairly before this Court for review.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

The House Appropriations Committee have agreed upon Tuesday evening next to be set aside for the consideration of the Postal Telegraph bill. The Presidents of the Western Union, Atlantic & Pacific, and Franklin Telegraph Companies will then be heard on the general subject. The Committee expect to have a bill ready to report before the holiday recess. This subject excites more interest here than any other measure which is now pending before Congress.

WANTS HIS REWARD.

The Indiana delegation in Congress have united in a request to the President to give General Forter, of that State, an appointment under the Government in consideration of his services as Chairman of the Republican State Committee of Indiana during the recent campaign. It is indicated that the General desires the mission to Switzerland.

THE GRIEVANCE OF SENATOR AMES.

Senator Ames, of Mississippi, has a grievance which will not admit of being trifled with. The Senate Caucus, in rearranging their standing Committees for the session, fixed it that General Logan should be placed second in the Military Committee, so that in the event of the anticipated retirement of Vice President-elect Wilson the Illinois Senator should succeed him in the Chairmanship. This arrangement was especially objectionable to Senator Ames, for two reasons: first, that he was a West Point graduate, having a fair military record, while Logan was only a volunteer officer; and second, having served three years in the Senate, he considers that he is entitled to the Chairmanship by seniority of service. Failing to be appreciated, Ames, today, declined further service on the Committee, and asked that his place might be filled by some other man.

THE INCREASE IN THE NAVY.

The action of the Senate Naval Committee, to-day, in appointing a sub-committee to prepare a report on Secretary Robeson's proposition to build new war-vessels is considered as clearly foreshadowing that the report will be in favor of the bill as it was originally introduced in the House.

REVENUE REFORM.

Commissioner Douglass' Revenue Reform bill passed in the Senate, to-day, with the amendment heretofore mentioned. The discussions among the Senators provoked no hostility to the measure, except as it was contemplated by some, that the proposed reduction of revenue officers might be carried much further. In this view the bill was somewhat harshly criticised, as it must repeal a law passed last spring, which looked toward the reduction of the Collectorships by the 1st of January. The almost unanimous vote on the bill, however, shows that in its particulars, so far as the Senate is concerned, it was vastly underestimated.

THE BOSTON RELIEF

bill struck the same opposition in the Senate as that which the Chicago bill of the same nature experienced last spring. Senator Ferry made his old argument over again to have lumber stricken from the bill, as did also Senator Carpenter. Chandler, however, preserved a decorous neutrality. Senator Morrill was especially severe in his opposition to the bill on provincial and constitutional grounds. He made the new point that all bills of this character were humbugs, as they did not relieve the parties on whom the real loss fall, to-wit, the insurance companies. Under the force of this opposition the bill was carried over for another day.

COLORADO.

Delegate Chaffee appeared before the House Committee on Territories, to-day, and made an elaborate argument in favor of the immediate admission of Colorado as a State. He claimed that the population of the Territory was now nearly 100,000, and that in a very few months it would have people enough to entitle it to a Representative in Congress. The assessed value of property for the present year is $31,097,211. This does not include the value of the mines, which would swell this amount to upward of sixty millions. The fact was then instanced that Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Wisconsin, Iowa, California, Minnesota, Oregon, Nevada, and Nebraska, were all admitted as States before they had as great a population as Colorado now has. The rapid growth of these States after their admission was instanced as showing the beneficial effect which the giving of State Government and equal privileges of National representation had on the Territories.

OHIO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

The bill to create a Third United States Judicial District in Ohio, to be called the Middle District, comes up in the House to-morrow.

CONFIRMED.

Sam Bard was unanimously confirmed, today, by the Senate as Postmaster at Chattanooga.

PERSONAL.

The lion of the Senate in the way of visitors, to-day, was General Hartranft, Governor-elect of Pennsylvania. Simon Cameron performed the ceremony of introducing the General to all the Senators.

THE KANAWHA CANAL.

The Virginia (West Virginia), delegations in Congress, together with several citizens of Ohio, have been promised an interview with the President to-morrow, relative to the proposed Governmental aid to the St. James River and Kanawha Canal. They propose to thank him on his recommendation on the subject in his last message.

DEATH OF A NOTABLE INDIVIDUAL.

Osborn H. Anderson, a colored man, and the last survivor of the John Brown band, who raided on Harper's Ferry, died here yesterday. The deceased was a man of good character, and acquired considerable local influence through his efforts on the stump.

THE FUNDING BILL.

Secretary Boutwell was before the Ways and Means Committee again to-day, urging the adoption of his request that the Funding act be so amended as to allow 1¼ per cent commission for the negotiation of the balance of the 5 per cent loan.

On Monday next the Committee hear statements from Jay Cooke and the Secretary, relating to the syndicate transaction, and on Wednesday, parties favoring the repeal of the cotton tax will have hearing.

THE BOUNTY LAND BILL.

The House again to-day devoted much of its time to the consideration of the Soldiers' Homestead bill. It has been evident from the start that the House was, in reality, hostile to the measure, but there were so many demagogues that the body seemed afraid to do what was evidently proper, namely, defeat the measure. A motion was made to recommit the bill to the Military Committee which was lost. Holman's substitute was then taken up. It gives to every soldier or sailor who served in the late war and was honorably discharged, or to the widow of such soldier or sailor, or the minor children, if the widow be dead, to enter one-quarter section of the public land, either in person or by agent. A patent will issue containing the name, &c., of the soldier, and then the land in his possession, and may be disposed of the same as any property. The other bill requires actual settlement. Holman's substitute was adopted by ayes 105, nays 62. Like all other bills of this character, which the House has for years been in the habit of passing, this last one of Holman's will be strangled in the Senate. The fact of the matter is, the members of the House are constantly reaching for the soldiers' votes, and never lose an opportunity to show their pretended regard for the soldiers. A bill similar to this has passed the House at most every session since the war, yet not one has passed the Senate. It seems to be tacitly understood on the part of the Senate and the House, that the latter may pass with entire safety as many bills as it pleases of a magnanimous nature, where the soldiers are interested, without incurring upon the Senate any obligation to consider them. It seems probable that this cheap species of electioneering will continue in the House until it becomes apparent that the soldiers' votes are not to be gained by such trickery.

PENSIONS.

General Garfield reported the Pensions Appropriations bill, and made a clear statement of the subject of pensions, and our pension system. He believes that the pensions, both in number and amount, will reach a maximum next year, and that they will then begin slowly to decline.

EXCHANGING BONDS.

Quite a debate arose on the proposition of Boutwell to legalize the exchange at the Treasury of registered for coupon bonds. The Secretary was before the Ways and Means Committee, to-day, to urge the bill, and after the Committee agreed to it, it went to the House and was passed.

ST. LOUIS POST OFFICE.

Representatives Wells and Finkelnburg were before the House Appropriations Committee, to-day, to urge additional appropriations for the St. Louis public buildings, made necessary by the tunnel. The Secretary of the Treasury recommends that the limitation be placed at $4,000,000, instead of $2,225,000, and the Committee of Public Buildings and Grounds has also passed a resolution to the same effect, and has placed it before the Appropriation Committee. The sentiment of the latter is favorable, and the allowance will probably pass the House.

THE CURRENCY CORNER.

The Sub-Committee to make inquiry as to whether the Tenth National Bank of New York was improperly engaged in a conspiracy to injure the finances of the country, by participating in a combination to stop the circulation of greenbacks, will not go to New York as it was supposed they would, but will at once proceed to draw their report. It is probable the report will show that, while there is no positive proof before the Committee that the provisions of the National Banking law had been violated, there are nevertheless circumstances leading the Committee to believe that the law had been violated deliberately. No action will be recommended.

DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS.

The Committee of the District of Columbia, which was directed by Mr. Roosevelt's resolution to investigate and report as to the debt of the District, have received a report from a city official laying the indebtedness of the District at $9,355,461.36. The report and details will not be submitted to the House until the Deficiency Appropriation bill comes in with the item of a million and a quarter of dollars inserted for the benefit of the Board of Works, who allege that that amount has been expended on improvements bordering on Government property.

THE CREDIT MOBILIER

Committee met to-day, and, of course, did what might have been expected of such a Committee—decided to sit with closed doors, and impose secrecy on the members. Speaker Blaine, at his own request, was sworn, and made a statement of about an hour's length, in which he substantially repeated the statements he made when the scandal was first raised. McComb was present, but was not examined. He will be sworn to-morrow. Ex-Congressman John B. Alley is here, and going about hobnobbing with Oakes Ames and other suspected characters. One of the members of the Committee stated at the close of the meeting that Blaine was innocent, whatever others might be.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate in Executive session to-day, confirmed the following nominations:

James L. Orr, South Carolina, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia; Julius White, Illinois, Minister Resident to the Argentine Republic; Lucius Hawley, Supervisor of Internal Revenue, vice Silas B. Dutcher, resigned; Alexander P. Tutton, Supervisor of Internal Revenue, appointed during the recess of Congress; Alexander Knowles, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana Territory; Nelson Trussler, United States Attorney, Indiana; J. C. Rodfield, Receiver of Public Moneys, Winchester, Kansas; William S. Jenkins, Register, Winchester, Kansas; James K. Bondfiet, Surveyor General of New Mexico; Henry S. Struve, Secretary of Washington Territory.

Postmasters—Sam'l. Bard, Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. Milton Best, Paducah, Ky.; Casper E. Yost, Omaha, Neb.; George C. Crowther, Osage Mission, Kansas; Louis W. England, Canton, Mo.; Peter Blanfour, Weston, Mo.; John T. Young, Moberly, Mo.; J. Hood, Marshall, Mo.; James H. Campbell, Lee Summit, Mo.; Enoch B. Cunningham, Glasgow, Mo.; James R. Woodfendler, Mosier, Mo.; Eli C. Law, La Cygne, Kansas; Samuel J. Martin, Council Grove, Kansas.

THE LOUISIANA CASE.

The Supreme Court was filled to-day with prominent lawyers and others interested in the determination of the question raised in the Kellogg-Warmoth case, and to hear the discussion by the learned counsel retained in the case.

The Hon. P. Phillips opened the case on the side of the petitioners, with an elaborate argument and great force, contending that the Court possessed the power claimed to issue a writ of prohibition in exercise of its general supervising jurisdiction over the proceedings of inferior courts. He conceded that the precedents in this country were against the position assumed, but insisted that in the decided cases there was nothing but an expression of opinion on the dicta. The cases did not present the question at issue in the clear and unmistakable form in which it now comes before the Court, and the point here pressed upon the attention of the Court was not necessarily decided in them.

Mr. Phillips went into an examination of the decisions in the Court of King's Bench, maintaining that the Court possessed the power there asserted, and that this was a case calling for its exercise. The Court should not suffer any usurpation attempted in interposo to arrest the ... that th provision of this case. He contended that a writ to issue to the Judiciary act authority was not intended Courts of Admiralty from issuing it in other to exclude the ... it could be issued under the cases, and said the Judiciary act, which provides 14th section of that may issue writs of *scire facias*, that the Court and all other writs which may be *habeas corpus*, for the protection of its jurisdiction, necessary for ... followed Mr. Phillips, appearing for Caleb Cushing, the petitioner at Court, and ing for Kello... Mr. Cushing said he proposed Judge Durrell himself strictly to the question of to confine h... the only one before the jurisdiction, ... petition prays the Court to Court. The ... prohibition, or of *certiorari*, or such grant a writ ... it may see fit. It is thoroughly other relief ... jurisprudence of this Court that it settled in ... any supervising or superior cannot exercise ... to other Courts, except in power is re... may be granted to it by act of Congress. An act of Congress grants to the Supreme Court power to issue writs of prohibition to Courts of Admiralty, and this Court has decided, on at least five distinct occasions, that the express power as to Courts of Admiralty implies the exclusion of the power as in other courts, and Mr. Phillips, himself, in his book on the practice of this Court, has correctly stated the law as it is. That this Court has no such general supervisory jurisdiction as belongs to the Court of King's Bench, and, indeed, none whatever except what it has received from express acts of Congress.

Senator Carpenter, on the same side, contended that by the Judiciary act of 1789, the appellate power of the Supreme Court in regard to suits in equity in the Circuit Court was confined to the power to review the final decrees; that this Court had no authority to entertain an appeal from an interlocutory order or decree of the Court below, whether the Court below was proceeding within or without its jurisdiction. The petition in this case shows a pending cause in the Court below, which has not yet reached a final decree, and may never reach such decree. There is, therefore, to-day, no appellate power in this Court in regard to that cause, and never will be, unless that cause shall reach a final decree in the Court below. Mr. Carpenter contended that the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees not only the right to vote, but that the ballots when properly cast shall be counted and returned, and be made efficacious. Mr. Kellogg claims that had the votes which were properly offered been received and counted, he would have been elected, and he brings a suit in equity in the Circuit Court to restrain such canvass, and this suit is progressing in the Court below, but has not reached yet a final decree. It is, therefore, impossible to maintain that the Court below has usurped any authority. A case is properly before it in which it may properly determine the question in dispute between parties, and this Court can not interfere until after the final decree shall be rendered.

Attorney General Ogden, of Louisiana, closed the argument. He said it surely was startling to hear a gentleman of Mr. Cushing's national and international reputation declare in the Supreme Court of this country that he could see no usurpation upon the face of the papers filed in this cause. If it be true that so distinguished a gentleman can see no usurpation in this deliberate attack upon the rights of the State, then indeed there was cause to fear that the foundations of our American system had been destroyed, and the dearest rights of the people silently stolen from them. He said that the only hope for his State was in the action of this Court; that if it could afford no remedy then it was apparent that a defect of the most fatal character existed in our political system. He predicted that if Louisiana was stricken from the flag as a free State by this action, her fate would be but the beginning of the end, and from this date would commence a rapid dissolution of State Governments.

The Hon. T. J. Durant appeared for Acting Governor Pinchback, but the Court declined to hear further argument on that side, two counsel having already been heard.

MR. JOHNSON'S OPINION.

The Hon. Reverdy Johnson, who was in Court, remarked, after the argument was concluded, that, if it were an original question, he should think Mr. Phillips was right, but, as it had been so many times decided the other way, his view would hardly prevail.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The House Deficiency bill, reported to-day, appropriates $1,500,000, including $203,000 for the payment of the Albemarle prize money.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Mr. SHERMAN called up the bill for the reduction of officers and expenses of the Internal Revenue, by abolishing the Internal Revenue Assessors, and explained it, stating that it passed it would save between two and two and a half millions of dollars annually.

Mr. SUMNER asked whether the Committee on Finance had considered the propriety of reducing the number of Collectors of Internal Revenue. He had been assured by persons familiar with the subject, that the number of Collectors might be greatly reduced without injury to the service.

Mr. SHERMAN said that in some large cities it might be practicable to reduce the number of Collectors, but it would not be in regions less thickly populated. Besides, the reduction of the number of Collectors would not greatly reduce the expense, as they were paid chiefly by fees depending upon the amount of business done.

Mr. TRUMBULL said that as he understood the law of last June on this subject, it provided for a greater reduction of Internal Revenue officers than the pending bill would make. That law authorized the reduction of the whole number of Assessors and Collectors to one hundred and sixty, while this bill, although abolishing the Assessors, would allow the retention of Collectors to the number of about two hundred and ninety. He did not say he would not vote for this bill, because he was in favor of any bill designed to reduce the cost of the Internal Revenue Department, but in view of how little had been done under previous laws, he had not much confidance that this one would effect the object.

Mr. MORRILL (Vermont) said that when General Grant came into power there were 2,800 Assistant Assessors, but now there were only about 1,300. There had been a reduction under the law passed three years ago of about 1,500 Assistant Assessors. Then the law of June last was passed providing for the reduction of the number to eighty, and Senator Trumbull complained that no action had been taken under the law, ignoring the fact that the time had not yet arrived, when the law was to go into effect, but in the meantime the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had devised a scheme by which the force could be very much more reduced than by the law of June last. That law reduced the number of Collectors and Assessors to eighty, leaving it with the power to retain the present number of Assistant Assessors; but this bill would reduce the number of Collectors to one for each collection district, while providing that no Collector shall receive more pay than $4,500, and as their deputies are to be paid out of their own pockets, the number of deputies makes no difference to the United States.

Mr. TRUMBULL, in reply to Mr. Morrill's statement that the time for the law of June last to go into effect had not yet arrived, read the following provision of that law: "Prior to the 1st day of January, 1873, it shall be the duty of the President, and he is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the Internal Revenue Districts in the United States to eighty in number." He (Trumbull) repeated that the number of officers of Internal Revenue allowed to be retained under this bill was greater than the number allowed by the laws already enacted, but unexecuted. The plea that the deputies of Collectors would cost the United States nothing, because each Collector would pay his own deputies out of his $4,500 a year was preposterous.

Mr. CASSERLY said the Administration, either from want of power or will, had failed to carry out the reforms in the Internal Revenue Department for which Congress provided. He believed if the President understood the subject more thoroughly, he would be more prompt to act on his own judgment in enforcing the law, but it was his misfortune to be surrounded by men interested in keeping the trush from him, and who, being themselves pressed at home by a clamorous army of office-holding leeches, are unable to do their duty to the President.

Mr. SHERMAN said there was not the least occasion for the Senator from California ... in connection with this subject, or to intimate that he had in some way contrived to put off the execution of the law of June last until after election. Everybody knew that in matters of this kind the President did not act merely upon his own judgment. No doubt by the 1st of January he would have performed the duty imposed upon him by the law. But he would do it after due consideration with the officers of the Department. There was no occasion for the intimation that the President's course was in some way connected with politics.

After further discussion, the Finance Committee's amendments were agreed to, and the bill passed.

BOSTON RELIEF.

The bill for the relief of the sufferers by the Boston fire was called up by Mr. WILSON.

Mr. FERRY (Mich.) criticised the bill, but said he would vote for it.

Mr. MERRILL (Vt.) opposed the bill. As a matter of relief it was humbug, and, as a matter of policy, extremely vicious.

Mr. SUMNER said he hoped the bill would be passed as it came from the House. The bill was opposed as setting a bad precedent, but the precedent would be applicable only in a similar case, and when such case should occur, he should insist upon its application.

Mr. CARPENTER opposed the bill as he had opposed the Chicago Relief Bill, on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

Mr. LOGAN favored the bill. He denied that it was a humbug, and said that the passage of the Chicago Relief Bill was one of the strongest inducements to prompt the rebuilding of Chicago.

Without action on the bill, the Senate, at 4 o'clock p. m., went into executive session, and soon after

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Senate bill authorizing the National Bank of Lyons, Mich., to change its location and name was passed.

EXCHANGING BONDS.

Mr. DAWES, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue coupon bonds for exchange for registered bonds, the expense of the change to be paid by the owner.

Mr. Dawes explained that, while the Secretary had authority now to change the coupon bonds into registered bonds, he had not correlative authority to change the registered bonds into coupon bonds, and consequently the latter class of bonds, on account of their facility for transfer, commanded higher prices in Europe than the registered bonds. This bill would place the two classes on an equality with making them interchangable. The only effect of the bill was to remove the present obstacles to the negotiability of registered bonds.

Mr. BURCHARD (Ill.) remarked that the objections which were supposed to exist to the exchange of the registered bonds into coupon bonds were proved by experience to have no weight. The Secretary of the Treasury, who ought to know, was advising the measure. Coupon bonds to-day bore a higher market value than registered bonds, showing that there were no spurious or counterfeit bonds in circulation to affect their market value. It, therefore, seemed to him that both the people and the Treasury Department confirmed the views suggested by the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. COX (N. Y.) said his objection to the bill is this: "I do not want to aggrandize the powers of the Secretary of the Treasury, and farther, I do not want him to give any greater facilities to people to go in and speculate. After all our bickering here about currency and bonds, we will be bound, in the end, to come to the only panacea, and that is the resumption of specie payment. Gentlemen ought to meet it in the next Congress at least, if not in this. I see it stated in the newspapers that the Secretary of the Treasury intends to put on the market the five per cents and the four and a half per cents, yet unsold, and that the Rothschilds and the 'Syndicate' are to take the rest of them without further legislation. I want to know why it is, that in this bill no restriction is placed on the Secretary of the Treasury. He can make any number of these coupon bonds at his pleasure; he can keep stacks of them on hand; they can be used at any time in certain emergencies in the money market. This bill will not stop speculation. It will not lead to prosperity or health. The Secretary of the Treasury should be held to legal restrictions, and not allowed to step over the law, as he has done in other cases."

Mr. BECK (Ky.) said he will vote for the bill. I do not see that it aff

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THE CHRISTIAN PRIESTHOOD.

Christ the First Priest and the Founder of the Order.

Lecture by Rev. Dr. McGlynn, of St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Dr. McGlynn, of New York, lectured on "The Christian Priesthood" in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, corner of Desplaines and Monroe streets, on Wednesday evening last, before the Union Catholic Library Association. There was a large attendance. Mrs. McGuire, of the St. Mary's choir, and Mrs. Hall and Mr. Wilson of St. Patrick's, entertained the audience for a short time with some most excellent music.

The reverend gentleman said he would like to show that Christ was a Priest, and that the Priesthood embodied in His sacred person was left by Him to His Church. Christ was a Priest. It was foretold that he should be a Priest. Scarcely had the primeval fault been committed than it was foretold that the world should be repaired in the person of Christ. In the fulness of time God offered a sacrifice for sin in His own person. He acted in the double capacity of priest and victim. The very enmity of Satan was the occasion of man's salvation. All the sacrifices of the Jewish law pointed to the Supreme sacrifice of Christ. It was foreshadowed that Christ was to be the priest of the Christian altars. "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec," referred to Christ. The idea of priest was correlative with and inseparable from the idea of sacrifice. The denominations that had given up the use of the altar had also allowed the word priest to become obsolete, so far as they were concerned. Christ was not only to be a priest by offering himself a bloody sacrifice, but was also to make an unbloody sacrifice. The night before his death Christ offered himself. He changed the elements of the last supper clean offering, and the table of the Lord was the first Christian altar. The carnal-minded Apostles, poor fishermen raised up by Himself, accepted Him, and "eat His flesh and drank His blood," and believed on Him. The sacrifice offered then was to be offered at different times, and in countless places.

Christ ordained the Apostles as the first Christian priests, after the order of Melchisedec. He admonished them that the bread and wine were His flesh and blood; that they were to invite God's people to partake of the heavenly food, and to behold the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Christ sent out His Church to disseminate His doctrine to all peoples. How long would the Christian priesthood continue to offer sacrifice? Until the end of time, when the last trump shall sound, it would be the duty of the last Christian priest administering the holy sacrament to the last Christian people, who would soon be summoned to judgment. He hoped the day would soon approach when the Catholic Church should conquer the world, and its temples stretch to the globe.

Christ came to teach men and to raise them up above all things, He was a teacher, and He sent His Apostles out into the world to teach all nations to observe what He had commanded. They were to teach something higher than Grecian philosophy or Roman jurisprudence. That was the mission of the Catholic Church, and that was why the Christian altar wherever raised was accompanied by the chair of truth. Christ's priests were the ambassadors of Christ. They were to keep teaching in spite of all the powers of earth and hell even unto the end.

Christ wrought miracles to prove that the Son of Man had power on earth to forgive sins. God alone had power to forgive sins. God wrought miracles in the person of His Son, to prove that the Son and the Father were one. He imparted to His priests the same power to forgive sins on earth. They were made the ministers of pardon and mercy to their penitent brethren. They were to erect in the Christian Church the tribunal of mercy, "Whose sins ye forgive they are forgiven, and whose sins ye retain they are retained," referred to Christian priests. Not far from the chair of truth by the altar His priests were to erect the tribunal of mercy. Priests were the channels and instruments of Christ's mercy to their brethren. Christ remained with His church on Christian altars, he taught from the chair of Truth, and presided in the tribunal of Mercy. In this nation Christ should have faithful ministers to teach His truth. The youngest priest was a presbyter of the Church, and the oldest man called him father, for he represented the Father in Heaven.

Christ loved humanity. He introduced Christian charity into the world independent of race and color. He was the benefactor of the poor; the gentle, the humane, the sympathetic priest. The Christian priesthood should follow the example of the Great Priest. The priests taught the cruel Roman world the sublime lesson of Christian charity. The priesthood taught the Romans there was a better use for the halt, the lame, and the blind than to get rid of them as soon as possible. Plato, in his model republic, taught that persons incompisite and imperfect should be put out of the world. Christ came and taught the true dignity of man, and that all were entitled to charity. That lesson the Church taught and practiced, and would continue to do so. The Church taught man the true worth and dignity of woman, and that she was not simply the instrument of his lust. The priest taught man to respect woman. In every Christian land, he would not say every Catholic land only, woman occupied a higher position than ever. Let Christian women, therefore, requite the benefits. The ranks of the Christian priesthood should be recruited from the ranks of men. The Christian mother could offer her son to the holy ministry and thus get rid of the curse. Christian mothers who would have their best children trained from their earliest years for the priesthood, should choose those with the largest heads and the best shaped, those who would understand the ways of the world and make it subservient to the Church; those with the most humane hearts and the noblest impulses. It was Christian mothers who made Christian priests.

A Marriage in High Life.

A daughter of Torlonia, the great Roman banker, has been married to a Prince Borghese, a member of one of the most famous historic house of Italy. Torlonia, a *nouveau homme* himself, married a Colonna, having in consideration of his cash, been permitted to mate thus stradlingly. The Pope declined to marry Torlonia's daughter, on the plea that the Vatican is now a house of mourning, and unsuited to a joyful occasion; however, he sent splendid presents. The bride has a dowry of $1,000,000. Torlonia has long been one of the leading celebrities of Rome. Thackeray gives him a niche as Prince Polonia, in "Vanity Fair," when describing the memorable evening when Becky Sharpe attempted to renew relations with that pillar of the peerage, the Marquis of Steyne.

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THE INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

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The Legislature is now in its fourth week, and is fairly under way, having already passed several bills of great importance to the people of the State. Before referring to them, I will let the readers of THE TRIBUNE know who the more notable members of the Senate are, leaving those in the House for another letter.

THE SENATE

is composed of fifty members, one-half of whose terms expire with each biennial session. The present Senate is above the average in point of talent and character. There are fewer leading politicians among its number than formerly, and consequently more quiet and harmony. It already gives evidence of being a working body, and, as no political questions are likely to come up that will disrupt it, I predict that it will do more and better work than any of its predecessors in the past ten years.

The Republicans have the advantage of their political opponents in point of experience and talent. The best-known Senator is

THE HON. R. D. SCOTT, OF VIGO.

He has served one term in the Senate and one in the House, as well as one term in Congress. He was absent in Europe when the present session convened, or he would have been chosen President of the Senate without opposition. He is a fine lawyer, and never fails to command the respect of the Senate when he rises to address its members. He is Chairman of the Committee on Education. The State Normal School being located at Terre Haute, the interests of his constituents are more intimately connected with that interest than any other. He is also a member of the Committees on Public Buildings, Reformatory Institutions, and Insurance.

THE HON. JASON B. BROWN, OF JACKSON,

Chairman of the Judiciary and Railroad Committees, is the best and most fluent public speaker in the Senate. He was a Bourbon Democrat, but, before the canvass ended, he came out square upon the stump for Grant and Wilson. He has served two terms in the House, and this is his second year in the Senate. He was a trusted leader of his party, and now seems to be as much at home among his former political opponents as he ever was among his old democratic friends. He is one of the most popular public speakers in the West, and contributed largely to the success of his party in both this State and New York.

COLONEL ASBURY STEELE, OF GRANT,

is "the noblest Roman of them all," a gallant soldier, a fine lawyer, as well as an effective public speaker. He was the leader of the Republican side of the Senate during the stormy session of 1870-'71, and, notwithstanding the bitterness and high party spirit that characterized the proceedings of that almost entire session, he not only conducted himself as to win the approbation of his party, but he retained the confidence and respect of his political opponents. He is an old member of the Legislature, and is Chairman of the Finance Committee, also of the Judiciary, Fees and Salaries, and Temperance Committees. His name will be prominent among the aspirants for Congressional honors in the Eighth District in 1874.

GEORGE V. HOUGH, OF HOWARD,

President of the Senate, is now serving his first term in any deliberative body; but, notwithstanding his lack of experience, he has so far made an admirable presiding officer, and has surprised his friends with the readiness with which he acquired the knowledge of Parliamentary law. He is the largest man in the Senate, being over six feet high, and is not altogether graceful. He is a cool and deliberate speaker, as well as a man of strong will and good common sense, who has a future before him that he may turn to advantage.

HENRY TAYLOR, OF VANDERBURGH.

He is one of the strong and useful men in the Senate, although no speaker. He is a prosperous business-man. He has taken an active part in all public enterprises in the Wabash Valley for a number of years, and was largely instrumental in securing the location of the State Agricultural College, now known as the "Purdue University," at Lafayette. He is Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures, as well as a member of the Committees on Education and on Reformatory Institutions. No member of the Senate is more respected, or wields a greater personal influence, than does Henry Taylor.

OTHER SENATORS.

Othniel Beeson, of Wayne, and Colonel C. W. Chapman, of Kosciusco, are old members of the Senate, and are familiar with the business, as well as all the mysteries, of legislation. Both are industrious, and discharge their duties with singular fidelity to their constituents. The former is a farmer, and the latter a leading and prominent lawyer in Northern Indiana. Both are able and effective public speakers, and enjoy the confidence of their fellow-Senators to a remarkable degree, and never bore the Senate with long, dreary speeches. Mr. Beeson is one of the "Old Liberty Guard," and is Chairman of the Committees on Temperance and on Reformatory Institutions. Colonel Chapman is Chairman of the Committees on Swamp Lands and on Military Affairs, as well as a member on Benevolent Institutions, Printing, and State Library.

Senators R. B. Hodges, of Jasper; J. R. Beasley, of Elkhart; R. C. Wadge, of Lake; and Lucas Hubbard, of St. Joseph, are all young men, and, with the exception of Mr. Beardsley, are serving their second year in the Senate, while Mr. B. is on his second term. All are from Northern Indiana, and are active and industrious Senators, looking sharply after the interests of their constituents, who have no cause to regret they sent them here, as they are influential, and will leave their influence upon the legislation of the State.

Captain H. C. Gooding, of Vandenburg; Colonel W. O'Brien, of Hamilton; and W. R. Hough, of Hancock, are promising young attorneys, and are serving their first terms in the Senate. All have been assigned honorable and responsible places upon important Committees, and are sustaining themselves in a manner alike creditable to themselves and their constituents. Captain Gooding is a brother of the Hon. D. S. Gooding, a leading Democratic politician, is a fine and forcible public speaker, and made a brilliant canvass for Congress in the First District two years ago. Colonel O'Brien was a gallant soldier, and his name is frequently mentioned in connection with the nomination for Congress in the Eighth District. Mr. Hough was offered an important Judicial nomination but declined it to enter the Senate and political life. The future of these gentlemen is as promising as that of any of their age in the State.

SKETCHES OF LEADING DEMOCRATIC SENATORS.

The leader of the Democratic side of the Senate, towering above all his associates, is James D. Williams, the Senator for Knox, who has served continuously, in one branch or the other of the Legislature, for the past eighteen years. Mr. W. was honored by his party with the nomination for the United States Senate, against O. P. Morton, after a spirited contest in caucus, where both Voorhees and Kerr were candidates. There is a remarkable resemblance between Mr. W. and the late President Lincoln, not only in stature, but in features. Senator Williams is a fine Parliamentarian, and is well posted in the rules and business of the Senate. He is a strict party man, and will go to almost any length to sustain his party, but his integrity was never questioned, and it has stands fair with his political opponents. He has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and was President of the Board for many years.

Messrs. O'Bird and Cunningham hail from Allen county, the latter a Democratic Gabriatar in Indiana. Two years ago Mr. Cunningham was a German paper in Fort Wayne, the latter, who edits in the Senate in an Independent-Fusion ticket. The Republicans claimed that anti-Fusion votes were cast for and with the latter, he was bound to act and vote for and with the latter, he was bound to gentleman "vollyfoxed" a good; but that gentleman generally acted with the Democrat, though he spoken to about it by a Republican, and, when spoken to about it by a Republican, and, when that he did not understand that, would claim that he did not understand that question, &c. But the Republicans thought it a question, &c. him, and accordingly joshed a by understood and voted to admit Mr. Bird, who was contesting his seat, upon the ground that was a good thing to punish treachery was always found. But this year the Democracy returned Mr. S. from the Senatorial District of Allen and Wells. Mr. Bird is an active, sagacious politician, as well as an industrious Senator. Mr. Sarninghausen understands English so imperfectly as to seriously diminish his usefulness as a Senator.

James Harney, of Montgomery, and Mr. T. Carnahan, of Posey, are among the oldest Senators, and may be classed with the old-time Democracy in whom there is no guile. Mr. Harney is a man of great popularity with his party, and is hated correspondingly by his political opponents. He opposed the war with all his power, and made some indiscreet remarks during a canvass for Congress in the old Eighth District, in which he was defeated by Judge Orth by a large majority. He is somewhat impracticable, and has a desire to be leader. Mr. Carnahan is the oldest member of the Senate, and his white hair and whiskers give him the appearance of a veritable Rip Van Winkle. He seldom speaks, but keeps close watch upon the interests of his constituents.

Hugh Armstrong, of Howard, and N. E. Desemore, of Greene and Owen, are among those who are classed as clever and good-natured fellows, who are sure to be on good terms with their fellow-Senators on both sides of the house. The former is a merchant, and the fact that he was returned from a Republican county is sufficient to show his standing at home. He is industrious, and devotes all of his time to the discharge of his duties. Wiley Desemore is a promising young attorney, and is a creditable Senator. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee, and is one of the most useful members of that body.

A. W. Hall, of Floyd, is a promising young man, who is industrious and conscientious in the discharge of his duties. He is a good speaker, and a fine lawyer.

THE WABASH & ERIE CANAL DEBT.

As this debt has occupied so large a share of public attention during the past fifteen years, I will make a brief statement of its origin and condition, which may not be uninteresting. Between the years 1834 and 1841, the State of Indiana issued a large number of bonds, for Internal Improvements purposes, upon which she was unable to pay the interest. In 1846, the creditors of the State proposed to the General Assembly to take the Wabash & Erie Canal, then finished from Toledo, O., to Lafayette, Ind., for one-half of the debt, and new bonds, running twenty years, for the remainder. This was agreed to, and an act was passed, known as the "Butler bill," in accordance with this arrangement. The canal was surrendered to the creditors, and new bonds issued to all holders of old bonds for one-half the amount of the surrendered bonds. Under this arrangement, all of the Internal Improvement bonds were surrendered, save $1,000 bonds. Upon these the State refused to pay interest. This was the condition of affairs up to 1865, when the bonds issued under the act of 1846 became due, and they were redeemed. Then John W. Garrett, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, commenced a suit against the Trustees of the Wabash & Erie Canal for the principal and interest upon forty-one of the old $1,000 Internal Improvement bonds that had not been surrendered, as well as for the residue of the one hundred and ninety-one unsurrendered bonds, to enforce a lien on the canal and its revenues which was created by the legislation under which the bonds were issued. The Courts decided that "the bonds were a lien on the canal paramount to the title of the Trustees, derived from the State." This decision was generally acquiesced in as being correct. Governor Baker requested the Court to withhold entering up the judgment until the 27th of the present month, in order to allow the Legislature time to make an appropriation to pay the judgment, and thereby protect the owners of the canal, as she was bound to do. Those bonds had been issued by the State, and her faith was pledged for their redemption.

The State's creditors who accepted the canal for one-half of her indebtedness to themselves failed to complete it to Evansville, as they had agreed to do, and, as a consequence, that otherwise important work did not realize the expectations of its owner, and the stock, which amounted to some millions, was almost without value. In this state of affairs, the holders of the canal stock memorialized the Legislature to take the canal stock back, and issue them new bonds for the stock. The State refused to pay any attention to the memorialists, other than to answer that, if the owners of the canal had made a bad bargain, it was their own fault; that the State had merely accepted their own offer; that the debt was justly and equitably, for the canal stock, and would not pay one dollar of it. Within the last few years, however, a powerful combination has formed in this State and in Wall street, to force the State to take the canal and pay the stock, both principal and interest, which now amounts to eighteen millions of dollars.

The parties in interest have all been opposing the payment by the State of the Garrett bonds, hoping the canal would be sold to satisfy the judgment, when they would come in, and, with some show of reason, claim that the State should redeem their millions of canal stocks, which, under the existing arrangement, are exclusively under the existing arrangement, are exclusively charged upon the canal, and for which the State has not a dollar of security. The Legislature promptly passed a bill making an appropriation paying the Garrett and all outstanding bonds. The Garrett claim amounts to $160,000, to which is to be added the cost of the suit. The principal was only $41,000.

Now, to settle the liability of the State for the canal stock, the Constitution of the State, providing that no law or resolution shall ever be passed by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana that shall ever recognize any liability of the State to pay or redeem any certificate of stock issued in pursuance of "An act to provide for the funded debt of the State of Indiana, and for the completion of the Wabash & Erie Canal to Evansville, &c. The present Legislature has also passed the same amendment, which now only remains to be voted upon at the next general election, to become a part of the Constitution.

It is a significant fact that no leading man member of either branch of the Legislature voted against the payment of the outstanding Internal Improvement bonds, while all who did so were Democrats. The Republicans have always charged that the leaders of the Democratic party in this State were in the "Ring" to saddle this canal debt upon the State, and their recent votes on this question give color to the charge.

INDIANA.

SENATOR SCHURZ.

An Interview With Him—What He Says of the Liberal Movement.

Washington (Dec. 7) Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

* * * Speaking of the Liberal campaign, Senator Schurz said: "The nomination of Mr. Greeley at Cincinnati was very unfortunate. Under the circumstances it was about as bad a one as could have been made. Adams was the man for the place. We could have elected him, or come so near it that we would now have a party of such strength and compactness as to insure success next time. As it is, we are put back for four years—just four years. We will have to begin in 1876 where we left off in 1872. But the Liberal principle will succeed. The Cincinnati platform will succeed. We are set back, not beaten. I have been hopeful of success all the time, if not this campaign, then next. We could have succeeded this time, as I verily believe, by nominating Adams. I thought so in May last; I think so now.

"The contest, however, has not been barren of results. It has played out the Democracy as a party. This is well. The people will not elect a man to the Presidency who wears the Democratic label. The party, as a party, cannot hope to come to power under that name. They must take a departure so wide as to leave the name behind.

"The Grant majority in Congress is so large and strong that they will fall into quarrels before the end of the term. They think they are backed by such majorities that they can afford to have an occasional row among themselves. But their strength in Congress is out of proportion to their strength elsewhere. They have not so much of a majority of the people at their backs as they think. A fair vote all over the United States, taken without perplexing side issues, would show this Grant party's majority to be decidedly small, if, indeed, it has a majority at all. The strength of the parties in Congress, or as it will be next session, is not a fair index of popular feeling.

"I only consider that the Liberal movement has been put back, postponed,' as the *Tribune* said. It is the party of the future. Much will happen during the next four years to strengthen it, and nothing to weaken it. It will grow from this day forward. But it is essential that the Democracy, as a separate organization, should get out of the way and give it fair sweep."

Terrible Railroad Accident---Three Persons Killed and Two Others Wounded.

From the Leavenworth (Kan.) Times, Dec. 8.

It is seldom we are called upon to chronicle as terrible an accident as that which occurred on the K. C., St. J. & C. B. R. R. yesterday morning. The scene of disaster was eight miles this side of St. Joe, near Horse Shoe Lake station. At this place the wagon-road, for a considerable distance, runs very near the railroad, and is bound on the opposite side by a fence, thus preventing any escape for frightened animals without crossing the track. Yesterday morning a party consisting of Rev. Geo. Reno, Holland Jones, Mrs. Reno, Mrs. Bramstetter, Mrs. Susan Mulkey, and John Binnicker, passed over this road on their way to the quarterly meeting in an open wagon, to which was hitched a team of mules. They had turned to cross the track, and were within a few feet of it before they noticed the train coming in full speed toward them. The driver, Rev. Reno, attempted to check the mules, but in this failed. Before he had time to turn them, the train was within a few yards of, and, the mules becoming frightened, dashed across the track, but not soon enough to escape the engine, which struck the wagon full in the centre. The three men were hurled to the side, killing Rev. Reno and Mr. Jones instantly, and badly wounding Mr. Binnicker. The women fell upon the engine, and were carried some distance. Mrs. Bramstetter was killed, and Mrs. Mulkey received such injuries that her life is despaired of.

HORACE GREELEY'S WILL.

Two Documents Presented for Probate.

From the New York Tribune, Dec. 10.

The proceedings before the Hon. Owen H. Coffin, Surrogate of Westchester County, to prove Mr. Greeley's last will and procure letters of administration on the estate, were to have begun at White Plains yesterday, at 9½ a. m., but at the time specified a telegram was received from Isaiah T. Williams, of Chappaqua, requesting a postponement until 11 a. m., when he would be present to contest the will. The Surrogate deemed it proper to comply with the request, at the same time remarking that Mr. Samuel Sinclair, of New York, and Richard H. Manning, of Brooklyn, had united upon him on Friday last, and had handed in a will made by Mr. Greeley on Jan. 9, 1871, and agreed to be present at 11½ a. m. There were then present in the Surrogate's Court Miss Ida Lillian Greeley, Miss Gabrielle Miriam Greeley, Miss Susan H. Lampson, a subscribing witness to the will, Judge Robert S. Hart, Reginald Hart, another subscribing witness to the will, William M. Skinner, guardian of Miss Gabrielle Greeley, George Greeley Bush, counsel engaged by Mr. Skinner to protect the interests of Miss Gabrielle Greeley in the proceedings, Mr. Williams, counsel for contestants, and many others.

Mr. Williams rose and offered some remarks in regard to the painful duty which he had been called upon to perform, and recommended that the proponents of the last will should not attempt to have it admitted to probate, but quietly assent to the admission of a will made by Mr. Greeley in January, 1871, in its stead; intimating that the will executed by Mr. Greeley prior to his death did great injustice to Miss Gabrielle Greeley, by giving all the property to her sister, and that some other relatives of Mr. Greeley would be deprived of property which he intended for them.

Judge Hart, in reply, stated that the remarks and proceedings of Mr. Williams were very surprising and extraordinary, and entirely uncalled for; that there exists the utmost affection and devotion between the two sisters; that Miss Ida had voluntarily offered to assign to her sister one-half of the property left by their father; and also grant to other relatives named in the former will of Mr. Greeley suitable annuities,—in fact, more than the amount specified for their benefit.

Richard H. Manning and Charles Storrs, two of the executors of Mr. Greeley's will of 1871, having appeared in court, Mr. Williams, after a conversation with them, suggested that a conference be held by the executors and the Misses Greeley, with a view of arriving at an amicable understanding in the matter without any opposition before the Surrogate. Judge Hart, after consulting with the Misses Greeley on the subject, stated that they imperatively declined such an interview as was proposed. The will of November, 1872, being opposed, the regular proceedings to prove it were begun by the examination of Miss Susan H. Lampson, who deposed as follows:

I reside at East Poultney, Vt. I knew Mr. Greeley; I knew him from the time he came to Poultney to learn his trade; he has visited me, and I have visited his family, ever since 1858; my acquaintance with Greeley began either in 1856 or 1857—I cannot say which; I have seen him write frequently, and am well acquainted with his handwriting; I know this to be Mr. Greeley's handwriting, including the signature; Mr. Greeley's handwriting, including the signature; Mr. Greeley's handwriting, including the signature; I know the names added cannot be mistaken; all the clause is in my handwriting, and the other in the handwriting of Reginald Hart; those signatures were made on the evening that Mr. Greeley died; was quite near Reginald Hart when he signed her name, on that I would see him; I was in the same room; Mr. Greeley requested me to sign the will; I did not see Mr. Greeley or at his request what that I signed it; Mr. Stuart held the will up in front of Mr. Greeley, and asked him in my presence if that was his last will and testament, and whether that was his signature; I heard Mr. Greeley say "Yes;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mr. Greeley if he would have Mr. Hart witness the will, and he said "Yes;" Mr. Stuart next asked Mr. Greeley if he would have Mr. Rahmer witness the will, and he said "No;" Mr. Stuart then asked him if he would have John R. Stewart as a witness, and Mr. Greeley again said "No;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mrs. Greeley if she would have Mr. Hart witness the will, and she said "Yes;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mr. Greeley if he would have Mr. Hart witness the will, and he said "Yes;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mrs. Greeley if she would have Mr. Rahmer witness the will, and she said "No;" Mr. Stuart then asked him if he would have John R. Stewart as a witness, and Mr. Greeley again said "No;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mrs. Greeley if she would have John R. Stewart witness the will, and she said "No;" Mr. Stuart then asked Mr. Greeley if he would have any other witness than Mr. Hart, and he said, "No;" this was between 5 and 5 p. m.; there was no delay in signing my name after that; I arrived at Dr. Choate's between 3 and 3 o'clock of the same day; Judge Hart was present from your observation, state what was the condition of Mr. Greeley's mind at the time of the publication and acknowledgment of this instrument. A. He seemed to be entirely rational; he was asked questions, which he answered, and also spoke with a friend, after the acknowledgment of the will; there was a recognition of myself by him previous to the introduction of the instrument before the will before Mr. Greeley's eyes, and Stuart held the questions alluded to in regard to his signature and seal.

The witness was then subjected to a rigid cross-examination, without revealing any new facts. The examination will be resumed on Friday next. The following is a copy of Mr. Greeley's will, executed Jan. 9, 1871:

I, Horace Greeley, being nearly sixty years old, and in sound health, but admonished by recent illness of the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, superseding and revoking all of earlier day which may be found or exist.

First—I give, devise, and bequeath to my daughter Ida Lillian Greeley, requesting her to share any proceeds therefrom with her sister Gabrielle Miriam Greeley, all my books, copyrights, and the sum which may be due my said-owing from my publishers at the time of my decease—naming especially my "American Conflict," "Recollections of a Busy Life," "Political Economy," and "What I Know of Farming," as well as whatever some income may accrue from copyright after my decease.

I will and bequeath to my two daughters aforesaid all the real estate whereof I may die possessed, or be entitled to, except the farm on which my brother Nathan Barnes Greeley lives in Wayne Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, directing that my daughter Ida Lillian aforesaid be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered during the minority of her sister Gabrielle Miriam, to manage, let, improve, lease, sell the whole or any part of the same, as she shall judge expedient and advantageous to herself and her sister, and to execute the same to purchasers, and her release of dower in my wife, Mary Young Greeley, unless and until she shall see fit to release the same to my daughter.

Item—I bequeath to my brother, Nathan Barnes Greeley aforesaid, and his wife Ruhama, the free and uninterrupted use for life for either of them, of my farm lying in the Township of Wayne, Erie County, Penn., and should I further bequeath to whichever of his sons the said Nathan Barnes Greeley may designate, the reversion or remainder of one-half of said farm, it being my understanding and intention that said son shall live with and take care of said Nathan Barnes Greeley and Ruhama Greeley to the end of their several lives.

Item—I direct that if any shares or shares in the *Tribune* Association shall remain to me at my decease, one of them shall be sold, under the rules of said Association, to the highest bidder, and the proceeds, without deduction or abatement, be paid over as my bequest to the Children's Aid Society, whereof New York City is the focus of operations, to be invested or disbursed as its proper authorities shall direct.

If more than one share of stock in the *Tribune* Association shall remain to me at my death; and if my wife, Mary Young Greeley, shall survive me, I bequeath to her one-half of each remaining share of stock in lieu of all other dower, except those reserved to her as aforesaid; and I hereby renounce and disclaim in favor of my said wife all right to the stock and dividends of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which I have paid for with her money, and which now stands in her name on the books of the Company; and I give and bequeath unto my said wife all the animals, implements, machinery, crops, products, and materials which may at the time of my death exist upon or pertain to her farm and buildings in Newcastle Township aforesaid.

Item—I direct that whatever stock in the *Tribune* Association may remain to me at the time of my death, after fulfilling and satisfying the foregoing bequests be sold in accordance with the rules of said Association, and that from the proceeds of such portions of the debts due or owing me from all persons whatever, or may be at any time collected, there be paid the following bequests in their order, namely:

First—Two thousand dollars to my sister, Margaret Greeley Bush, in case she survive me; and, in case that she should not, but her daughter, Evangeline Bush, shall survive me, the sum of $2,000 shall be paid to her, my said sister's daughter, Evangeline Bush.

Second—One thousand dollars each to my sisters Arminia, wife of Lovell Greeley, and Esther, wife of J. F. Cleveland, or to their surviving children, respectively, in case they, or either of them, shall die before I do.

I give and bequeath all the residue or remainder of my property, of whatever name or nature, to my daughters Ida L. Greeley and Gabrielle Greeley, or to the survivor, in case but one of them shall survive me.

I hereby appoint Samuel Sinclair, Publisher of *Tribune*, Charles Storrs, merchant, now of 73 Worth street, New York City, and Richard H. Manning, now residing in Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, or any two of them, who may survive me, and who accept the trust, executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one (1871).

HORACE GREELEY. [L. s.]

Attestation clause signed by Isaiah T. Williams, of the town of Newcastle, County of Westchester, N. Y., and John G. Ferguson, of the town of North Castle, County of Westchester, N. Y.

The following is a copy of the last will of Mr. Greeley, written by himself Nov. 9, 1872, on two pages of a sheet of note paper:

I, Horace Greeley, of the town of Newcastle, Westchester County, State of New York, aged 61 years, and being in fair health, and full possession of my mental faculties, revoking all former wills, do make this my last will and testament.

Item 1.—I give and bequeath all the property of which I may die possessed, including bonds, mortgages, bonds, notes of hand, debts, stock, dues, and obligations, to my eldest daughter, Ida L. Greeley, one-half to be by her used at her own discretion to the education and support of her sister Gabrielle M.

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eeled from every portion of it. Some
e this the Professor had hired a col-
e a servant. This man was missing.
began to suspect that he had mur-
master, mutilated the body, placed it
inor of the laboratory, and caused the

e same morning, the south-bound mid-
ght train stopped at Dover. This train
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ich he e'r upon the platform. It was
with a coat, but through the coat
plainly see the impress of a pair of

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closely muffled. He wore a slouched
down to the bridge of his nose.
conductor called for his ticket, he
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e Belmas, still muffled, the man left
entered a carriage, and was driven rap-

cumstance, together with the fact that
esor's wife, when told of the disaster
sband, received the intelligence with-
signs of deep emotion, caused some
When it was known that the Profes-
was insured for $25,000, suspicion was
and the authorities went to work. The
e was caught in Maryland and brought
Dover. It was discovered that the col-
had not killed him, but that he had
colored man. He owned up that he
d the negro, but said that he had done
-defence. After the man was dead the
e probably cut off his hands, feet, and
d buried them. Then he pealed off the
the body was next placed in his labora-
w minutes before the explosion. It is
at the Professor's object was to make the
ies believe that the body was his, so that
could obtain the insurance on his life
rward join him in a remote part of the
where they could live to a green old age
happy. The Professor is now in jail
examination.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Anderson claims to be king of the high-
Colorado, and has robbed thirteen
to prove it.

re is a wooden railing around the resi-
of Hon. A. H. H. Stuart, in Staunton,
ich is over one hundred years old, and
good preservation.

desperado at Chattanooga, Saturday,
d down Mr. Colwell, a merchant, and, it-
en his body, stabbed him terribly with a
knife, killing him. Then, when an ar-
as attempted, he shot and killed two
en and wounded a third, afterward escap-
ss the river in a canoe.

e machine shops of the I., B. & W.
y Company are to be removed from Ur-
ill., save the Indianapolis *Journal*, and
obably be located at the place offering the
t inducements. Pekin has offered $30,-

e New Hampshire Presidential Electors
stonished to find that not one of their
was a user of liquor or tobacco in any
r ever had been during their lives. Ex-
nor Hale, the oldest member of the Board,
ver in his life even paid for a glass of
for any one else.

New York people are just now in trouble
their coffee. A chemical analysis has as-
ed to their astonished senses the fact that
average served up at the principal hotels and
aurants of that city is a strong infusion of
ed beans, chicory, sweet potato peelings,
a trace of burnt tobacco stems to put a
on it.

Juniors of the Class of 1874 of Beloit
e will hold their exhibition in that city on
day evening, Dec. 17, to which the public
invited. The orations are limited in num-
, as the oratory chosen are among the
the entertainment promises to be of an in-
ing and entertaining character. The Con-
tional Church building is well adapted for
a purpose.

a farmer named Grandbush was coming
the city, yesterday, on the Gratiot road, he
entered the team of a man named Robinson,
the horses rushed at each other. The men
d nothing toward stopping the fight for
al minutes, and had finally to get clubs and
part the ferocious equines apart. All the
s were more or less injured, and the har-
was completely torn off of one.—*Detroit Press.*

ss Maria Huntingdon, a Georgia girl of 17,
is stopping at the Broadway Hotel, in New
, was engaged to be married to a clothier
d Conklin. A few days ago she quarrelled
him, and immediately went to an Episcopal
and got married to another gentleman
ed Walker. By the time husband and wife
ched home, she changed her mind again, and
d him once, and told him never to see her
. Then she applied for a divorce, and is to
arried to Conklin as soon as she is free.
About sixty years ago, John Grinwold Esq.
of East Lyme, Ct., fell in love with Eliza
riswold, and in 1817 the couple were be-
d, and doubtless began to talk about fixing
wedding day. There appears, however, to
been more than the usual difficulty in de-
g the question; at least, it was not until
Thanksgiving Day that the ceremony took
, when the bride and groom had reached
ages respectively 78 and 79. Both parties
ver, belong to a long-lived race, and look
ward to a wedded life of no short duration.

PERSONAL.

is reported that J. D. Moody, of Richries,
intends removing his *Democrat* to Cairo.
Mr. Ruts, State Treasurer-elect of Illinois,
determined to retain George A. Sanders as
of clerk.

of the eleven Massachusetts Representa-
s in the forty-third Congress, five have offices
Pemberton square, Boston.

"Lord" Gordon Gordon has settled down
Fort Garry, Manitoba, and is enjoying the
ts of his raid on Jay Gould and other guilt-
innocents.

Judge Hagans, of the Superior Court, Cin-
nati, has tendered his resignation, to take
ect on the 1st of January.

Judge Dundy, of the United States District
rt, at Omaha, while on a hunting expedition,
ke his leg.

Matthew and John Vassar, sons of the
under of Vassar College, have given $100,000
establish a hospital at Poughkeepsie.

There are three gentlemen in Boston who
e insurance policies on their lives of $100,000
upward, as follows: John W. Draper, $250,-
; A. Lombard, $200,000; J. M. Beebe,
0,000. Francis Alger has $35,000 on his life.
Thompson W. McNeely, of Petersburg, Ill.,
mber of Congress, was lately married to
ce of the late Hon. Thomas L. Harris, of De-
. The bride was a resident of Mary-
d.

The Rev. Mr. Huntington, of Stamford, has
been successful in England in locating a
ony of the three American families from
h Jeffreys Hall, and Lathrop, all famil-
Connecticut names—is now rapidly

terials for the

Croxton, of Kentucky, is appointed
inister to Bolivia, vice Colonel Markbreit
oved. Markbreit has been a good officer, b
has a brother (Hassurek) who did not su
t General Grant for re-election, and it
bably important to punish him.

Washington correspondents say of Miss
Grant that she may be seen on the av
most every day, driving at a sharp pace a
rse to a basket phaeton. She is a cap
rsewoman, and handles the reins with
mmate skill.

A Puzzle for Physicians.

From the New York World.

The report that a man living in East New
d swallowed a set of false teeth, publis
two days ago, has caused no little sensatio
ewark and his vicinity, where the extraordi
currence is everywhere talked of. The suff
r, William Pickel, states that for several y
ast he has used a set of false teeth, fastene
gold plate, which filled the roof of his mo
The plate was secured in its place by side cla
two weeks ago to-morrow Pickel took his
ay afternoon nap in his chair, his head
thrown back upon the back of the chair
sleeper's snoring loosened the plate, and it
own his throat. He awoke and immediate
up. He was unsuccessful, and sent for
physician. But nothing could remove
eeth which had lodged in the lower
of the gullet, just above the breast bone. In
effort to remove the plate into the stomach
Dutler pushed the plate into the stomach
when the instrument was withdrawn it was
ered with blood. It was thought that if
effort had been successful the man would h
been killed by withdrawing the plate thro
his throat. During forty-eight hours the
Mr. Pickel suffered great agony, but at the
of that time the plate passed from the sto
into the intestines. Now Mr. Pickel attend
his business, which is that of a machinist,
says he suffers only occasional pains in the
this country, each of which resulted in the
There have been, it is said, two similar cas
of the sufferer. In one case the teeth
found in the aid of the heart. In the other
the sufferer died while an operation was
performed to extract the load.

THE REGISTER SAID

he was led to infer that many of the claims were

STATE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Some More of the Officers of the Concern Pumped.

For the Claims of the Policy-Holders Were Bought Up by Them for the Trust Company.

Mr. Perkins' Interviews with Charles Smith Concerning the Funds in Geo. C. Smith's Bank.

The examination in the case of the State Insurance Company was resumed yesterday afternoon, before Berriter Hibbard. George W. Perkins said he had been a Director in the Company; had purchased claims for J. B. Smith; purchased them from different parties; William Drew sold his claims for $500; was under the impression that he bought the claim of W. W. Kimball; Chauncy Bowen bought Keith Bros.'; did not buy Boardman's claim; the claims had been adjusted; the claims were for losses in the fires outside of the big fire; did not purchase any claim for J. B. Smith about which there was any doubt; was not an official or stockholder in the National Loan and Trust Company; did not know of any arrangement between Smith and the Trust Company made in advance; his business with Smith was not arranged yet.

Cross-examined: Purchased claims for himself in Fluxary and after; made no representations to Governor Bross as to the condition of the Insurance Company at the time he purchased his claims; saw no statement of the reinsurance in the Teutonia until April; made a statement that the amount of the insurance in the Teutonia amounted to about a million and a half; all the books containing the reinsured policies were turned over to the Teutonia; there were some twenty-six books; he paid for the policies purchased, and was reimbursed by J. B. Smith for all the money paid out.

Re-direct: Dealt with brokers and with the owners of the policies in purchasing them.

Re-cross-examined: The actual amount reinsured in the Teutonia was about $200,000; the loss on their own business was $600,000 or $700,000; the amount reinsured was over four millions; while he was in the office there was no record kept of the amount reinsured in the Teutonia; supposed after the fire that the losses on the policies reinsured by the Teutonia was from one and a half to two millions, but learned afterwards that it was only $200,000; did not know till after the fire that the Teutonia had retired the State Insurance policies, and turned its own business; did not think after the fire the Company would be able to pay more than 10 or 15 per cent; the assets of the Company after the fire were about $400,000; did not believe the entire amount could be realized; purchased one single claim for himself; thought he bought it from Mr. Spalding; it was during the week; bought no other claims, except those for J. B. Smith.

By the Register: Signed the certificates as Secretary; signed them all; the policies purchased for Smith he put in the safe of the Company; Smith directly or indirectly presented the policies for cancellation, and got the bills instead; all the the bills, as far as he knew, except a very few which were ante-dated after the 1st of November, were truthfully dated; had no doubt that Smith's due-bills were correctly dated; they were substantially dated when issued, except, perhaps, from three to five; these he was requested to date the 31st of November, that being the day the Receiver was appointed; was certain none of them were dated in December; none of them were ante-dated more than six days; took an assignment when the policies were purchased; dated the assignments truthfully.

NORMAN C. PERKINS

recollected having been appointed Assignee in that case; had some recollection of it; the question of set-offs in bankrupt cases was pending in the United States Courts shortly after he was appointed; the decision was published in the papers in June, about two months after his appointment; had an interview before the decision was made with George C. Smith, President of the Trust Company, about getting the money on hand by the bank; Smith said the bank would be closed; purchased claims and intended closing them off against the deposits; called after decision was rendered, and saw Charles Smith, representing George C. Smith, who had gone to Europe for his health; told him Judge Drummond's decision was against set-offs, and if they did not pay over the money he would have to go to law to recover it; the money was not paid over at that time; they did not refuse flatly to pay the money over; they expressed their willingness to waive their set-off claims if they could go in with the other creditors and get a pro rata share of the dividends.

Cross-examined: Had filed a petition for a temporary order on the bank and on George C. Smith to pay over the money; there was no decision in the case, but on Aug. 3, there was a stipulation, by which the bank paid over to him about $157,000, being 43 per cent of the amount, the bank retaining about $110,000; if the claim presented by the Trust Company were allowed, the $110,000 would cover what it was entitled to as a dividend.

THE REGISTER SAID

sold in December, January, and February, and that the dates were fraudulent. From what persons said in his office he was led to that inference. If that could be proven it would be important.

MR. GOUDY SAID

they could, at the proper time, produce the policies transferred, and rebut that inference.

MR. SMITH THREATENED

to summon another squad of witnesses, who may appear to-day.

THE LAW COURTS.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Messrs. J. Y. Farwell & Co. yesterday filed a petition for the bankruptcy of Thomas H. Mahon and Jacob B. Kennedy, carrying on business at 344 Milwaukee avenue, they being creditors on an account amounting to $826. The statement made by the debtors themselves is to the effect that they commenced business on the 8th June last, with a capital of $4,500; that they now owe $13,000; that the whole property consists of their stock, which cannot exceed $5,000 in value; that this large deficit on a trading of six months has arisen from personal and business expenses; that they have sustained no large or unusual losses; that they are also carrying on business at Waterloo, Iowa, managed by one Huebron, which they have supplied with $6,000 worth of stock, from which they have received about $3,000 in cash, and of which they now have $1,200 worth, or thereabouts, remaining on hand; and that the books do not show the payment of any considerable sum of money that would account for apparent discrepancies in the estate. A warrant was issued for the seizure of the bankrupts' property, and an injunction restraining any meddling with any other property, not enumerated, which may be found to belong to the parties.

Nichols & Co., finding it hopeless to continue doing business in the real estate and loan line, a majority of them, namely, Nichols and Fitch, petition for a dissolution of partnership, against the minority, or J. W. Hedenburg. The partnership was entered upon on the 1st of December, 1872, Nichols and Fitch being already in business together, and taking in Hedenburg as a third party, but reserving to themselves all interest in certain real estate contracts, namely with George Whipple as to Norwood Park property, with J. M. Chapman as to lots in Phare's Subdivision in Section 12, Town 38, Range 13 north, and with Edwin Pardridge as to other lots in the same subdivision. The partnership articles provided that the business was to continue for two years, that profits and losses were to go in thirds, namely, one-third to each, and that neither partner was to draw out more than $2,000 per annum. As prospects were not cheerful, and the objects of the partnership have not been, and do not seem likely to be realized, namely, the $2,000 per annum to which each partner was limited, the original firm have discovered that "as you were" is about the best policy to be pursued.

The Great Western Telegraph Company was yesterday the recipient of the following favors at the hands of the Commercial National Bank: In the Superior Court; suit in assumpsit, on a note indorsed by S. Reeve, for $3,000; same, $1,000, indorsed by D. A. Gage; same, $1,000, indorsed by D. A. Gage. In the Circuit Court; same, $4,600, indorsed by S. Reeve and D. A. Gage; same, $1,000, indorsed by same; same, $700, indorsed by same.

There was no sitting of the County Court yesterday. The Court will sit to-day. The rooms are now warmed comfortably, an immense heater having been put up; and what with the radiant countenance of the new clerk, and the radiance of the new stove, the place is as radiant, altogether, as such a tumble-down wreck of a skeleton barn can be.

Boarders who watch this column will applaud the jury in the Eclectic Insurance case, reported in yesterday's TRIBUNE, who yesterday morning returned a verdict in favor of the needy widow, and in accordance with justice, and all that is right, generous, and honest. Judge Booth was clearly on the same side.

Cheered and invigorated by their first plunge into law, the Messrs. Hirsch yesterday took another plunge, entering suit against the same offending South Chicago Turn-Verein, and its agents and abettors, in trespass, laying damages of $10,000.

John Charter, tobacco manufacturer, on the information of Judge Glover, District-Attorney of the United States, yesterday confessed judgment and paid a fine of $200 into court for neglecting to affix revenue stamps to four packages of tobacco.

The noise caused by the passage of persons over the stone corridors leading to the United States Courts having proved too much for the proper transaction of business, matting was yesterday laid down.

The first meeting of creditors for the appointment of an Assignee in the matter of the Union Lithographing Company, in bankruptcy, did not take place yesterday as intended, the papers not having been served.

Messieurs Babcock yesterday commenced suit against Messieurs Page, Peck & Hill, for mechanic's lien on dwellings erected in East Hinsdale. See record of new suits in the Circuit Court.

Judge Porter has been driven, by the abominable effluvia from the drain beneath his Court, to take refuge in a room at the opposite side of the City Hall, formerly occupied by Judge Jameson.

A number of prisoners were arraigned in the Criminal Court, yesterday, whose names will be found in the proper place in the record.

An interesting examination took place, yesterday, in the matter of the claims of the National Insurance Company against the State Insurance Company.

Allen, Coryell & Co. last night obtained a writ of attachment against Campbell & Murray for a debt of $1,065.

The German National Bank wants satisfaction at the hands of the Adams Express Company, to the extent of $6,000, in assumpsit.

Louis J. Steinitz is being sued by Baner & Co. for a piano, valued at $520, hired before the fire, which was destroyed in the October blaze.

The city has commenced suit, in the Superior Court, against Timothy Wright and Artemus Carter, on debt, $9,000.

Charles Turner, charged with selling liquor without license, will be tried at the Criminal Court to-day. The other liquor cases are set for to-morrow.

S. F. Wright, conservator for Lewis Dutton, yesterday commenced suit against George W. Clark, in assumpsit $10,000.

In the case of Von Schasck *v.* The Northern Transportation Company, arguments are to be heard this morning.

A test liquor case will come up in the Criminal Court this morning at 10 o'clock.

D. W. Eldred, a juror in Judge Porter's Court, was yesterday fined for being absent.

Judge Blodgett continuing indisposed, Judge Drummond presided in his stead yesterday.

CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR.

The following is the trial calendar in the Circuit Court, so far as made up, to last night. The numbers are given in the order as they are at present arranged, but as some changes may be made, we drop the calendar number, and give the term number only.

84—Ames *v.* Goldsmith; 88—Clifford *v.* Allen; 115—Gaylord *v.* Goodrich; 182—Sampson *v.* Miller; 230—Kuntson *v.* C. P. & St. L. R. R. Co.; 250—Goodwin *v.* Walling; 253—Tucker *v.* Avery; 268—Watterson *v.* Bell; 506—Handley *v.* Bradford; 513—Zahnen *v.* Norton; 527—Keegan *v.* Ames; 532—Alton National Bank *v.* Haskell; 710—Storey *v.* Sherman; 757—Farnham *v.* Bradley; 798—Kain *v.* Murphy; 826—Johnson *v.* Snodgrass; 827—Budinger *v.* Michigan Central R. R.; 868—Tully *v.* Lassier; 872—Sullivan *v.* McCann; 901—Federlein *v.* Excell; 930—Skelly *v.* Weldon; 933—Allen *v.* Merritt; 934—Smith *v.* Pierce; 939—Allen *v.* Tracy; 944—Wichman *v.* White; 940—Phillips *v.* Abrahams; 953—McAllister *v.* Liebenstein; 956—Stein *v.* Klapperich; 957—Forsythe *v.* Carroll; 968—Cooper *v.* Felsenthal; 969—Brown *v.* Snell; 970—Neilson *v.* Jacobs; 974—Weikman *v.* Johnson; 980—Hessert *v.* Holbrook; 981—Wall *v.* Higgins; 984—Langraff *v.* Stowe; 986—Ames *v.* Keegan; 987—Hill *v.* Pickles; 989—Griffin *v.* Schlesinger; 992—Reynolds *v.* C. & N. W. R. R. Co.; 994—Schiffer *v.* C. & N. W. R. R. Co.; 1,002—Mantenaer *v.* Kuhn; 1,005—Woods *v.* Kelly; 1,005—Taber *v.* Illinois Central R. R.; 1,013—Fredericks *v.* Everhart; 1,013—Schillo *v.* Little; 1,014—Kerlin *v.* Dankert; 1,018—Hanlon *v.* Abbott; 1,019—Gore *v.* Michigan Central R. R.; 1,021—Lowering *v.* Wheeler; 1,022—Towne *v.* Howland, 1,022—Carlson *v.* Hoyt, 1,023—Dickinson *v.* A. & P. Telegraph Co., 1,025—Nellis *v.* Loeb, 1,027—Beidler et al. *v.* DeWolf, 1,040—Coolidge *v.* Prescott et al., 1,045—Stiew *v.* Landgraf, 1,046—Osgood et al. *v.* Elder, 1,049—Hall *v.* Barbrant, 1,049—Breidt *v.* Prescott et al., 1,050—Truax *v.* Davis, 1,054—Crawford *v.* Dietwig et al., 1,055—Sutherland *v.* Dyer, 1,057—Holmes *v.* Fruitport M. & S. Springs Co., 1,059—Carr *v.* Lewis, 1,061—Travis *v.* Swan, 1,062—Bloom *v.* Warren, 1,064—Burger *v.* Turner et al., 1,065—Bryan *v.* Stenguist, 1,066—Richardson *v.* Palmer, 1,071—Spalde *v.* Moynihan, 1,073—Burdick et al. *v.* Montgomery, 1,078—Murphy *v.* Roth, 1,080—Miller *v.* Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, 1,081—Gillies *v.* Achert et al., 1,082—Wolf *v.* Britain et al., 1,086—Britain *v.* Wolf, 1,087—Hewitt *v.* Anderson, 1,088—Cook et al. *v.* Bechl, 1,091—Baumgarten et al. *v.* Parker, 1,092—Schubkneckt *v.* Boese et al., 1,093—Kilsey et al. *v.* Jacquins et al., 1,096—Godfrey et al. *v.* Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, 1,099—Hayes et al. *v.* Beckwith et al., 1,100—Clark *v.* Harrison, 1,118—Jenkins *v.* Barnard, 1,120—Jacques *v.* Weller, 1,121—Quimby *v.* Linton, 1,122—Trude *v.* Steiner, 1,124—Kelly *v.* Butler, 1,125—Bissell *v.* Scanlan, 1,126—Bissell *v.* Dunne et al., 1,130—Wenge et al. *v.* Girvin, 1,131—Williams *v.* Dunn, 1,132—Hainsworth et al. *v.* Middleton et al., 1,135—Brouse *v.* Montgomery, 1,136—Tobin *v.* McFarlan, 1,138—Schwartz *v.* Weir, 1,139—Davis et al. *v.* Geagan, 1,141—Walking *v.* Gerert, 1,146—Lewis *v.* Grant et al., 1,147—Ludwig *v.* Spankneibel, 1,148—Minor *v.* Gould, 1,152—Bojens *v.* Almandinger, 1,153—Wolf *v.* Walker, 1,170—Smith et al. *v.* Jillette, 1,168—McKindley et al. *v.* Smith, 1,165—Nostrand *v.* Winchell, 1,166—Bahler *v.* Kimball et al., 1,167—Hunt et al. *v.* Martin et al., 1,169—Armistead *v.* Demuth, 1,171—Morrisch *v.* Guth, 1,172—Gross *v.* Kaiser, 1,177—Corrigan *v.* O'Keefe, 1,178—Sturges et al. *v.* Lessbergen, 1,190—Continental Insurance Company of New York *v.* Hotchkin et al., 1,191—Van Keuren *v.* Hockaday et al., 1,192—Smith *v.* Holtzman, 1,196—Edler *v.* Lentz, 1,203—Lederer et al. *v.* McDonough, 1,208—Hill *v.* Newman, 1,211—Gilmore et al. *v.* Barry, 1,216—Cortes *v.* York, 1,220—Demuth, *v.* Fowler, 1,221—Verschoore *v.* Grundies et al., 1,223—King et al. *v.* Bell, 1,223—Vollandtsee et al. *v.* Smart, 1,226—Doyle *v.* North Chicago Railway Company, 1,229—Vanbaricum *v.* Tescott et al., 1,231—Hooper et al. *v.* Lewis et al., 1,232—Cuzier *v.* Kimball et al., 1,234—Leary *v.* McEwen.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

[Judge Drummond.]

BANKRUPTCY—3,178—Munn, Norton & Scott; rule entered calling on Assignee to show cause why the property mortgaged to Jesse Hoyt should not be sold to satisfy said mortgages. 2,169—Mahan et al.; rule to show cause, warrant of seizure, and injunction.

NEW BANKRUPT.

Thomas H. Mahan and Jacob B. Kennedy, on the petition of John V. Farwell & Co.; Tenney, McClellan & Tenney, attorneys.

NEW SUITS.

2,585—Adam Tyrkiewicz *v.* steam barge Monitor; libel for wages, $153; Wm. H. Condon, proctor. 2,586—E. Olson *v.* Same, same $34; same proctor. 2,587—Oscar Bergstrom *v.* Same; same, $100; same proctor.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Drummond.]

CHANCERY—351—Bond et al. *v.* Edward et al.; dismissal on motion of complainant without prejudice.

LAW—600—VanSchaak et al. *v.* Northern Transportation Company; jury waived and cause submitted to Court.

NEW SUITS.

John D. Easter, Elijah H. Gassmon, Charles W. Marsh, Wm. K. Marsh, Ralph Emerson, and Wm. A. Talcott *v.* John H. Elwood and Isaac G. Goodnue; infringement of an improvement in grain and grass harvesters; West & Bond, attorneys. Charles F. Mutter and Frederick Haddick, of Buffalo, N. Y., *v.* Joseph W. Taft, Frederick Schwab, Jacob Gr. Schmidt, of Chicago; infringement of an improvement in picture frames; same attorneys. Mary D. Tenbroecke, of Portland, State of Maine, *v.* Auguste E. Barnet, Chas. Barnet, Chicago and Lyons Lime and Stone Co., Richard C. Ahnsty, of Chicago, and Richard D. Boone. Wm. M. Frink, John W. Bennett, David G. Hamilton, Francis C. Peabody, Hy. M. Frink, Harriet E. Bennett, Robert Ainsworth, and Michael Ward, all of Illinois; bill of foreclose mortgage on Lot 30, Block 10, in Union Park Second Addition to Chicago, to secure a note of $3,000; Paddock & Ide, attorneys.—George E. Walker *v.* Home Insurance Company of New York; transcript from Superior Court; Paddock & Ide, attorneys.—John Charter; information for infringement of Internal Revenue laws by neglecting to use tobacco labels; Judge Glover, District Attorney.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.

[Judge Porter.]

LAW—2,279—Frost *v.* Stephens; time to plead to demurrer extended thirty days. 3,616—Mortimer *v.* Godfrey; default and judgment; $646.51. 3,194—Cauffman *v.* Wing; dismissed by plaintiff. 3,194—Scheer *v.* Home Insurance Company; default and judgment, $1,105. 2,572—Pfifer *v.* Morris; judgment, $283.53. 2,743—Holmes *v.* Gard; dismissed by plaintiff. 2,648—Hamlin *v.* People's Insurance Company; motion to set aside default and judgment sustained. 2,287—Hamlin *v.* Commercial Insurance Company; default, $3,007—Schureman *v.* Same; order, 3,007—Seavey *v.* Same; same order, 3,161—Schureman *v.* Same; same order, 3,087—Blymyer *v.* Same; default and judgment, $4,256.65. 174—Kimball *v.* Tropall, dismissed by plaintiff. Otto Fischer *v.* John Sousbory; leave to file mandate from Supreme Court, and cause submitted. 3,000—Taylor *v.* Chesapeake & Northwestern Railway Company; finding for defendant and judgment; appeal bond $200, and bill of exceptions in 20 days. 2,192—Otty *v.* Smith; appeal dismissed at defendant's costs, with procedendo. 2,197—Wood *v.* LeBean; for want of prosecution. 2,198—Wood *v.* LeBean; jury polled; three jurors absent; verdict changed in form by Court for plaintiffs; damages for Wood $45.50, Bushling $60.38, Wm. Crewes $48.0, and R. Crewes $47.13; motion for new trial in arrest. 2,287—Hamlin *v.* Fulton Fire Insurance Company; judgment reconsidered. 2,636—Same *v.* Commercial Insurance Company, 2,400—By agreement, appeal dismissed at defendant's costs. 2,196—Wait & Bogel *v.* Gottschalk; plaintiff's damages $1,200, and motion for new trial. 2,543—Vough *v.* Pearson; on motion of plaintiff *set fa.* dismissed at defendant's costs. 3,294—Butler *v.* Robertson; dismissed by stipulation at defendant's costs. 2,278—Degenhardt *v.* Cortes *v.* York; motion by plaintiff to strike pleas of Bender, Paul & Matzieu, for want of affidavit of merits denied, and cross-motion to file in five days granted. 2,206—Thayer Furniture Company *v.* Seelye; jury trial on issues of fact; defendants, and jury to come by agreement.

[Judge Gary.]

CHANCERY—Buehler *v.* Hansen et al.; Master's report filed and confirmed, and decree appointing Commissioners. 1,026—Herdig *v.* Herz et al.; decree of sale, 1,140—Clay *v.* Leedon; leave to amend bill. 965—Kent *v.* Kent; reference to Magruder. 970 *a*—Clark *v.* Clark; decree of divorce. 628 *a*—Barton *v.* Gillin; rule on P. Adler and Mary Gillin to plead, etc., intended 10th of Dec. 865—Hemmingway *v.* Smith; decree establishing title.

NEW SUITS.

41,636—Wilmington Star Coal Company *v.* Hart & Cox; assumpsit, $200; Lyman & Jackson, attorneys. 41,637—Germania Lodge, No. 12, O. D. H. R., *v.* H. Krouse, Henry Lamparter, and Jonas Theesn; confession of judgment on a note of $300. 41,638—Julius and Herman Bauer *v.* Louis S. Steinitz; assumpsit, $1,000; Sanford B. Perry, attorney. 41,639—City of Chicago *v.* Timothy Wright and Artemus Carter; debt, $9,000; I. N. Stiles, attorney. 41,640—The German National Bank of Chicago *v.* Adams Express Company; assumpsit, $6,000; Ward Stanford & Co., attorneys. 41,641—Regina Mayer *v.* Rudolphus Guthman; petition to re-establish a deed of trust destroyed; Rosenthal & Pence, attorneys. 41,642—Hirsh et al. *v.* South Chicago Turnverein et al.; trespass, $10,000; A. B. Jenks, attorney. 41,643—Carver *v.* May et al.; appeal. 41,644—Commercial National Bank *v.* Great Western Telegraph Company; declaration in assumpsit on bales of ... $5,000. $1,000, $1,500; suit on bales of ... $5,000. 41,645—William McSleeper & Whelon, attorneys. 41,645—William McGregor *v.* William S. Golson; declaration in a note of $287.10. 41,646—Samuel F. Wright, conservator, *v.* Lewis Dutton and George W. Clark; assumpsit, $10,000; Tenney, McClellan & Tenney, attorney. 41,647—Allen, Coryell & Co. *v.* Campbell & Murray; assumpsit, $1,000; attachment for a debt of $1,065.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

[Judge Booth.]

LAW.—857—Fahrenkrug *v.* Eclectic Life Insurance Company; jury return and render verdict: "We, the jury, find for the plaintiffs the full amount of the policy, $1,000, and interest from the 19th day of April, 1872, to and including 11th December, 1872, at 6 per cent, $43.70, amounting in the whole to $1,043.70;" defendant moves for a new trial, and in arrest of judgment; 1,576—McDonnell *v.* Brady; appeal dismissed, with procedendo for non-compliance with rule, 1,189—Stinson *v.* Lissberger; rule on defendant to plead in ten days by n. d. 1,116—Kehlor *v.* Same; same order. 2,918—Eller *v.* Schmidt; rule on defendant to file bond in sum of $100 by Saturday next. 2,967—Davis *v.* Allen; dismissed. 2,968—Hanser *v.* Town of Hyde Park; jury trial; verdict assessing damages at $250 and costs. 2,300—Pick *v.* Connell; personal default and judgment for $2,166. 2,218—Durfee *v.* Smith; appeal dismissed for want of prosecution, and procedendo. —Clark *v.* Riverside Improvement Company; on motion of defendant, execution stayed 10 days. —Scott *v.* Ryan; default, and judgment entered through inadvertence. Nov. 21. 944—Wickman *v.* White; jury trial, not concluded.

Call—375 to 380 inclusive.

[Judge Tree.]

LAW.—3,047—Handley *v.* Grant; decree restoring judgment of Sept. 20, 1871. 326—Lusk *v.* Carter; jury trial. 340—Wunderlich et al. *v.* Smith; jury trial not concluded.

[Judge Farwell.]

CHANCERY.—709—Bordall *v.* Shortall et al.; leave to amend bill instanter by making new defendants, and summons to them; rule on other defendants to plead, etc., by first day of January term. 56—George *v.* Catherine Faulks Wilson; decree of divorce.

NEW SUITS.

5,185—J. F. Nichols et. al. *v.* J. W. Hedenberg, petition to dissolve partnership; Beckwith, Ayer & Kales, attorneys. 5,186—Walter S. & S. V. Babcock *v.* William R. Page, Clarence J. Peck, Fred. W. Peck, and T. C. Hill; petition for mechanic's lien on Lots 17 and 18 in Block 17, Section 6, Town 38, being East Hinsdale; for $945.51. 5,187—Julia Ann Burns *v.* John Burns; divorce on the ground of desertion. 5,188—John Marvin *v.* Mary Jane Marvin; divorce on ground of desertion. 5,189—People on the relation of Thomas G. Otis; tax appeal. 5,190—Same *v.* Chas. H. Whittlesey, D. W. Sutherland, Martin Andrews, Hugh Maher, Hy. H. Honore, and Wm. R. Page; same. 5,191—Same *v.* B. L. Honore, and Wm. R. Page; same. 5,191—Same *v.* A. Judson Smith, D. Goodwille, Martin Andrews, and Hy. H. Honore; same. 5,192—Same *v.* Gabriel Gunderson, T. Gunderson, Martin Olesen, Ole Olesen, Levevet T. Gunderson, K. K. Forrest, and Trinity Lutheran Church. 5,193—Same *v.* Hy. M. Shepard and Esther T. Rutier; same. 5,194—Patrick Dunne and John F. Scanlon *v.* Geo. L. Cross, Wm. R. Champion, Wm. Hedrick, and United States Mortgage Company; petition for mechanic's lien on Lot 10, in Subdivision of Block 10, in Wolcott's Addition, on North Clark street, east side, between Illinois and Indiana streets, for $536; Roundtree & McHugh, attorneys. 5,195—John Marovs *v.* Anton Kakuska et al.; notice of motion to reinstate cause; Mathew Marx, attorney. 5,196—Thomas & Co. *v.* Campbell & Murray; assumpsit, $3,000; attachment for a debt of $1,065.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

[Judge Rogers.]

TRIALS.—Michael Finn, malicious mischief; found guilty; $25 and costs. John Horton and Joseph Pacey, riot; nolle prosequi entered. Andrew Wilson, cheating; verdict guilty; motion for new trial. John F. Cook, larceny; verdict not guilty.

ARRAIGNMENTS.—Lena Badger, larceny; Cook County Jail 10 days. John Johnson, [illegible]; County Jail 10 days. Michael McDonald, larceny; County Jail 30 days. William Murphy, larceny; House of Correction 90 days. William Sammersfield, larceny; County Jail 20 days. George Smith, larceny; Reform School 18 months. James Weathrocke, larceny; County Jail 30 days. Fritz Wreger, larceny; County Jail 20 days.

CONTEMPT LITERATURE AND ITS SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: A few weeks ago a policeman of this city, while attempting to arrest a desperado in one of the innumerable sinks of iniquity which everywhere abound, was shot dead. The murderer was immediately captured, indicted by a Grand Jury, and put on trial for his life. He was poor, but had friends, who raised the sum of $1,400 to procure a lawyer, obtain witnesses, and defray the expenses of his trial. The case was a most aggravated one, and occurred at a time when deeds of violence were common, and several other murderers were in jail awaiting their trials. A great excitement took place; public meetings of citizens were called; Vigilance Committees were appointed to inquire into the cause of so much crime, and to ascertain why some one of the perpetrators of the numerous murders was not hung. The clamor for blood was most intense, and the public press seized upon the occasion to visit upon the Courts, from the highest to the lowest, their strongest condemnation. The State's Attorney was denounced, the counsel for the defence held up to scorn, and the law itself pronounced a disgrace. Twenty-four hours' time was all that ought to be granted to a murderer, and then he should be prepared to meet his God.

When the trial of the murderer came on, his counsel moved for a change of venue, in accordance with a statute which had been in existence in this State for more than forty years; in which motion it was alleged that the prisoner could not have a fair and impartial trial in this county, on account of the excitement which had been raised and the prejudice which existed against him, and the Court was asked to send the case to some adjoining county, where this prejudice did not exist. The counsel for the defence urged, first, that the prisoner was entitled to this upon the principle of justice and fair play, and invoked in his favor the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which expressly provides that, "In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an *impartial* jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defence." Also, the Ninth Article of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, which is almost *identical* with the provision of the Constitution of the United States, except in the place of State read *county*. But the application was refused, and the prisoner ordered to immediate trial.

The trial proceeded, and the defence offered to show that the murderer was, at the time of the homicide, mad with liquor, and that all of his brutal passions aroused by the demon which possessed him; but this evidence was excluded. He was convicted, and sentenced to be hung at a very early day.

His counsel conscientiously believed that the prisoner ought to have had a change of venue; that he had been convicted improperly, and contrary to the law of the land; and, procuring a copy of all the proceedings, submitted them to the Supreme Court—the Court of last resort—for their opinion. Every step in the case was watched by the guardians of the law, the newspapers, with most commendable vigilance; and, when it was learned that a *supersedeas* had been applied for, the announcement was received with a roar of obloquy, Such a thing was unparalleled, and ought not to be allowed. It was now high time for the people to rise in their wrath and put a stop to such a proceeding. Frequent meetings of the Vigilance Committee were held, and money raised to investigate the causes of crime, and finally it was decided that whiskey was the root of all evil; that all of the murders which had occurred in our midst had been committed by persons under the influence of liquor; and that we had altogether too many saloons, which were kept open night and day, and they ought to be abolished. This may seem strange, as we have only about two thousand five hundred saloons, and they bring in a good income to the city; but so the Committee decided. And forthwith a great commotion ensued. The Chairman of the Committee—the man who raised the Committee—demurred. He was a leading German; was opposed to murder, but believed in the divine right of free and unobstructed traffic in whiskey, lager-beer, etc.; and, if that couldn't be allowed, in this "land of the free, and home of the brave," he would resign. And resign he did, and retired to private life in disgust.

The newspapers kept on the even tenor of their way, however, and denounced the Courts and the law. One newspaper—edited by the *coolest* and most experienced men of their class—thought that all was now lost; that the $1,400 which had been

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A GLORIOUS RECORD.—IT YEARS AGO A FEW modest lines in a New York journal invited public attention to a new vegetable restorative, and solicited a trial of its merits as a remedy for indigestion, biliousness, fever and ague, debility, nervous disorders, rheumatism, and all complaints requiring invigorating and regulating treatment. In this quiet, unpretentious way, Plantation Bitters was introduced into the world. It was a success from the beginning. That it was claimed for it as a tonic, alterative, and antidote to malarious fever, was found to be strictly true. Within five years the annual sales of this article amounted to over one million bottles. A few years more, and the demand had swelled to five millions. The annual consumption of the bitters has now reached the almost incredible aggregate of six millions of bottles, and for every bottle sold a copy of the Illustrated Medical Manual, published by the proprietors, at cost of $150,000, is given away.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Friday Morning, December 13, 1872.

All the passengers of the Sacramento and its treasure, amounting to $335,648, have been saved, and reached San Diego yesterday. The steamer itself lies on a reef about 200 miles south of San Diego, and will be a total loss, together with the cargo.

Among the myriad recommendations made to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention is the request of the State Temperance Convention that it will frame an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture or sale in Pennsylvania of intoxicating drink.

Speaker Blaine appeared before the Credit Mobilier Investigation Committee yesterday, and explicitly denied that he had in any way been bribed or approached with a bribe to do or not to do anything concerning the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Philadelphia *Press* advocates the extension of the Presidential terms to six years, with a restriction against re-election. It says that this must be done sooner or later, and that now is the time to do it, since it interferes with nobody's claims, and comes in collision with nobody's ambition. General Dent says that the talk about a third term for Grant is "all bosh."

It is several days since Judge Blodgett alluded to the dishonorable conduct of J. Y. Scammon in holding the funds of the Mutual Security Insurance Company, in opposition to their expressed wishes, while maintaining lawsuits against them. We have not heard that Mr. Scammon has desisted from such dishonorable conduct.

The Senate has passed the bill for the reduction of the officers and expenses of the Internal Revenue Bureau, as reported by the Finance Committee. No action was taken on the Boston Relief bill, which was briefly debated. Senator Carpenter thought the bill unconstitutional, and Senator Morrill called it a humbug; Senator Logan thought otherwise, and Senator Sumner said that, as for the precedent the bill would establish, it could be applicable only in a similar case, when it ought to be repeated.

Twelve deaths so far is the loss of life by the Fifth Avenue Hotel fire. Officials of the Fire Department say that their aid was not called in time, and that when the firemen arrived they were at first refused admittance, for fear of a panic among the guests. Eye-witnesses believe that if the alarm had been promptly given every one of the poor girls who were burned could have been saved. As it was, the employes of the hotel are said to have given all their thoughts to rescuing the baggage, taking no care of the lives that were perishing.

President Grant and Attorney General Williams have found a plan by which the Alabama troubles may be settled. Those members of the two Legislatures whose seats are not contested are to meet in the State Capitol, make a temporary organization, and appoint two tellers, one from each party, who shall, in the presence of the Legislature, canvass the returns from the districts in dispute, and award seats to the members lawfully elected. When a real Legislature has been got in this way, it shall proceed to permanent organization.

Acting Governor Pinchback has issued a proclamation, stating, on the authority of a telegram from the Attorney General of the United States, that President Grant formally and officially recognizes him as the lawful Executive, and the Mechanics' Institute Assembly as the lawful Legislature, of the State. He calls upon all orderly citizens to give him and the Legislature their support, and warns the unlawful assemblage in session at the Court House to disperse. A warrant was issued, yesterday, by the Eighth District Court, for the arrest of Pinchback for contempt; but the Governor, instead of allowing himself to be taken, signed a bill passed by the Legislature abolishing the Court.

The *Congressional Globe* prints a prayer by Chaplain Newman, in which occurs the following remarkable petition: "May the blessing of the Highest rest upon our Chief Ruler. May wisdom divine, the gentleness of Christ, firmness of purpose and impartiality characterize the Administration of the future *as of the past*, that he may enjoy the approval of mankind and the approbation of God." It is said by those who criticize Prof. Tyndall's proposition to test the efficacy of prayer, that praying is good for the one who prays—which is undoubtedly true when one prays to God. But, when one prays to the Senate of the United States, the case may be different.

General Dix gives a dinner in New York this evening in his capacity as President of the Industrial Exhibition Company. This Association was formed nearly two years ago, with the object of erecting a Crystal Palace to be used for the permanent exposition and sale of the industrial products of all nations. The entertainment this evening is intended to bring out the progress that has already been made, and to create a new interest in the enterprise. The Company is now negotiating for four blocks of land in the upper part of the City of New York, and there is some hope in that city that, with proper effort at this time, the proposed celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the nation might be attracted there instead of going to Philadelphia. However this may be, it is argued that a permanent Industrial Exhibition, with attractive surroundings, would be beneficial to the interests of manufacturers throughout the country, and possess decided local advantages for New York City.

United States coupon bonds have always commanded higher prices abroad than registered bonds, as more easily transferable. The House, yesterday, in order to place the two classes of bonds on the same footing, and make them equally negotiable, empowered Secretary Boutwell to give coupon in exchange for registered bonds, when any owner of the latter, who must pay all expenses, desired the change. The Bounty Land bill was passed in an amended form, which prescribes that, while application for a homestead may be made by the person entitled thereto or by an agent, the patent shall be issued only in the name of the soldier, seaman, or widow, or orphan children to whom the land shall go, and that any contract affecting the ownership of the land made before the patent is actually delivered to such person shall be void. The House then passed the Pensions Appropriation bill, which covers $30,480,000. Pensioners seem to be tenacious of life. Mr. Garfield stated that only 10 per cent of the widows of Revolutionary soldiers had died during the year.

The Chicago produce markets were rather quiet yesterday, but averaged a shade higher. Mess pork was quiet and 5c higher, at $11.40@11.45 cash, and $11.87½@12.00 seller March. Lard was active and firm, at $7.10 per 100 lbs cash, and $7.50@7.55 seller March. Meats were quiet and steady, at 3¾c for part salted shoulders, 5¾c for do short ribs, 6c for do short clear, and 7@7½c for green hams. Highwines were quiet and ½c higher, at 88½c per gallon. Dressed hogs were more active and firmer, at $4.90@4.37½ per 100 lbs. Flour was more active, and steady. Wheat was quiet and ½c higher, closing at $1.11¾ cash, and $1.12¾ seller January. Corn was dull and steady, closing at 31¾c cash, and 31¾c seller January. Oats were quiet and ½c higher, at 25½c seller the month, and 25¼@25¾c seller January. Rye was more active, and 1c higher, at 62@62¼c. Barley was more active, and firm for No. 2, closing at 61c; No. 3 weak at 49@50c. Live hogs met with an active demand, and prices were steady at $3.65@3.90 for inferior to choice. A few extra sold at $3.95@4.00. The cattle trade was again dull, with prices weak and irregular. Sheep were salable at about former rates.

It must be regarded as unfortunate that a controversy has arisen over Mr. Greeley's will; the more so as the Misses Greeley find themselves opposed by Mr. Samuel Sinclair, the publisher of the New York *Tribune*, who was named as one of the executors of the first will, which is claimed to be still valid. The second will, in which Mr. Greeley bequeaths all his property to his two daughters, certainly bears no impress of a diseased mind, and it is a well-known principle of law that where doubts arise as to the construction of a will they should be decided in favor of those to whom the property would have gone if there had been no will. The last document is short and plain, and was written by Mr. Greeley on the 9th of November, and signed in one of his lucid periods on the day before his death. It seems to be perfectly natural that Mr. Greeley should have made a new will after his wife's death, and that, perhaps, finding his property less valuable than he had formerly supposed, he should have cut off the charitable bequests which he had made previously. The position which Mr. Greeley's daughters will occupy in society will probably require all the means which Mr. Greeley has been able to leave them. He did charity enough in life.

Secretary Delano has expressed the belief that the Indians will settle down to peaceful agricultural pursuits on the reservations as soon as the buffalo shall have been exterminated. There is reason to hope that Indian civilization will not be deferred to that time. The fact is, though public rumor goes to the contrary, that the buffalo are increasing in numbers instead of diminishing. The Indians who have already withdrawn to the reservations have given up buffalo-hunting, and, when their places have been supplied at all, it has been by white men, who do not kill one buffalo where one Indian would kill ten. The practice of trapping, poisoning, and shooting wolves, by the soldiers on the Plains, has also increased, the wolf's hide being more valuable than that of the buffalo. But the wolf is the chief enemy of the buffalo, by reason of its ravages among the calves. He destroys ten buffalo where an Indian would kill one. The result is that, so far from there being anything like extermination of the buffalo, the animals were never increasing in numbers so fast. We hear of the Kansas-Pacific trains frequently encountering large herds, running through districts where heretofore they were seldom seen. It is evident that Secretary Delano must find some other means for encouraging agriculture among the Indian tribes than that which he supposes will be developed by the extermination of the buffalo.

The Brooklyn *Union* (Henry C. Bowen, editor), speaking of the probable acceptance by Mr. Colfax of the editorship of the New York *Tribune*, says that it is a prodigious thing for a man to resign the Vice Presidency of the United States to take a position as editor of a newspaper,—that it proves that "newspapers, as the forming element of public opinion, are above Lords and Commons, Kings and Congresses," and much other bombast to the same purpose. The fact that Mr. Colfax has less than ninety days to serve as Vice President diminishes somewhat the glory that newspaperdom acquires from the event. In addition to the sublime spectacle of a Vice President resigning ten weeks before his term expires, the *Union* tells us that "we may expect to see the *Tribune* return to the advocacy of the *grand principles* which once ennobled it and its late chief." A catalogue of those grand principles which once ennobled the New York *Tribune* and its late chief, and to which the *Tribune* is soon to return, should be furnished to Mr. Colfax for his guidance. If the New York *Tribune* and its late chief had abandoned any principles relating to human liberty and equal rights, it is most likely that the colored men of New York would have made some distant allusion to the fact in their recent meeting commemorative of Horace Greeley. Instead of that, they recalled the fact that Mr. Greeley had been the unswerving and untiring champion of those rights, and they might have added that, as compared with his efforts and contributions to that cause, those of the Brooklyn *Union* were so feeble and unimportant that, if entirely wanting, they would never have been missed. It is too late in the day for Mr. Colfax to contribute anything, as editor of the New York *Tribune*, to the success of those grand principles. Mr. Greeley has left him nothing to do in that line.

The result of the vote in the Electoral Colleges is now known. The Electors in the seven States that voted for Greeley and Brown at the polls acted without any unanimity, and many voted on their own hook. The vote for President in these seven States was thus divided: Greeley, 3; B. Gratz Brown, 24; T. A. Hendricks, 42; C. J. Jenkins, 2; David Davis, 1; blank, 8. For Vice President, the vote was divided: Brown, 55; N. P. Banks, 7; G. W. Julian, 5; A. H. Colquit, 5; J. M. Palmer, 3; T. E. Bramlette, 5; W. S. Grosebeck, 1; W. B. Machen, 1. In Missouri, one Elector on the Greeley and Brown ticket refused to vote for Brown either for President or Vice President—a case without precedent in the history of Presidential elections. The following is the vote in detail:

FOR PRESIDENT.

States.	Horace Greeley.	B. Gratz Brown.	T. A. Hendricks.	Chas. J. Jenkins.	David Davis.	Blank.
Arkansas	...	6	...	...	...	...
Georgia	3	6	...	2	...	...
Kentucky	...	4	5	...	...	6
Louisiana	...	...	6	...	...	...
Maryland	...	...	8	...	...	...
Missouri	...	8	5	...	1	...
Tennessee	...	...	12	...	...	...
Texas	...	...	6	...	...	...
Total	3	24	42	2	1	6

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

States.	B. Gratz Brown.	Nath. P. Banks.	Geo. W. Julian.	A. H. Colquit.	Jno. M. Palmer.	Thos. E. Bramlette.	Wm. S. Grosebeck.	Willis B. Machen.
Arkansas	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	3	1	...	5	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2	...	...	...	...	9	...	1
Louisiana	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	6	...	5	...	3	...	1	...
Tennessee	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Texas	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	55	7	5	5	3	9	1	1

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

The elements of a financial crisis which threatened the country during the months of October, November, and December, have so far passed away that we may assume that the disaster has been avoided. Nevertheless, we should remember how close we were to such a calamity. We should also remember that the same causes will at any time produce the same results. The danger from which we have just escaped will have some compensation if it shall direct public attention to the events which produced it, and serve as a warning to avoid falling into the same improvident enterprises again.

What this threatened disaster has taught us, if we are wise enough to accept its lessons, is, that we must build no more railroads in the wilderness, under the delusive idea of creating population and production in advance of natural laws; that we must engage in no more land speculations, burying money in uninhabited prairies that give no return; that we must invest no more of that circulating capital which keeps the wheels of industry in motion in many of the hundred enterprises so largely entered into of late, which do not yield an immediate return, at least sufficient to pay the ordinary rate of interest. During the last five years, money has been invested in the United States and Europe in not less than 25,000 miles of railways which do not earn more than the operating expenses, and yield no interest on the capital invested. It will also prove a most profitable lesson if it shall teach statesmen and Government the financial consequences of war; of the substitution of the unnatural agency of destruction for that of production. It will teach us all as individuals and communities to be less extravagant in our expenditures; to be more economical in our manner of living, and to avoid the policy of anticipating the future by spending more than we earn.

It will also, we trust, direct the attention of our Government to the bad policy of drawing away from the people any more of their substance than is needed for an economical administration of the Government. In 1870-'71, the Government took from the people over $100,000,000 in taxes in excess of what was needed. In 1871-'72, the Government again took in taxes nearly $107,000,000 in excess of its needed revenue. In its economic effects this was equivalent to a confiscation of that much of the products of the labor of the country. Of this large sum, not less than one-tenth was taken from the people of the Northwestern States, and more than half from the farm labor of the country. Placing the sum taken from the West at only twenty millions of dollars a year, it is equal to one-half the entire hog crop. Under the system of olden times, the farmer was taxed one-tenth of his products—one hog out of ten; but our Government has so improved in this, that, after taking all that is necessary to pay its legitimate expenses, it takes every second hog to make up a surplus revenue, to be paid to bondholders who don't want their money. This annual tax of one hundred millions of dollars in excess of what the Government needs, if left with the people, in the hands of the farmers, manufacturers, and other producers, to pay wages, increase improvements, enlarge the surplus products, to be converted into accumulated capital, to be again employed in the same way, could be turned over and over from hand to hand, and forever kept active and productive. But the confiscation of that sum is an unnecessary drain upon the active means of the people. The money they accumulate over their actual needs is swept away from them, and they are kept forever at the pinching point. They can neither improve their farms, purchase stock enlarge their products; whatever they accumulate for such purposes is gobble dup by Mr. Boutwell, to be used by him in paying a debt that is not due, in order to realize a visionary idea for the benefit of posterity.

The cruelty of this policy, and its disastrous effects, have been experienced during the recent pinch; and financial wisdom, if not actual justice, demands that this excessive taxation shall be reduced. A reduction of the taxes on imports to one-half the existing rates would leave the country with a revenue equal to all its needs, and, with the increase of business, production, and population, would furnish a surplus annually fully equal to any useful reduction of the public debt.

HOW RAILROADS MAY BE BUILT.

A Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* has been able to reveal some of the mysteries of the origin and progress of the celebrated Credit Mobilier with the aid of papers in a chancery suit, which was brought in the United States District Court for the First District of Wyoming. The story has an additional interest at this time, as the Congressional investigation into the alleged bribery cases concerning this notable corporation is just beginning. The suit was brought in 1870, by one James W. Davis, to recover money claimed to be due him for work done on the Union Pacific Railroad, in which the defendants were Oliver Ames, John Duff, J. M. S. Williams and Benjamin E. Bates, of Boston; Sydney Dillon, Cornelius S. Bushnell, and Thomas C. Durant, of New York, and Henry S. M'Comb, of Delaware, all Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad. In making out his case, Mr. Davis found it necessary to expose what he called the "cunningly conceived and unscrupulously-executed devices" by which these Directors, Trustees, and agents appropriated the property of the Union Pacific Railroad to their own use. The process, as Davis describes it, was in substance as follows:

On the 15th day of October, 1867, about 450 miles of the road had been completed out of a total of 920 miles. At that date, Oliver Ames, the President of the Union Pacific, made a contract for the Company with his brother, Oakes Ames, by which the latter agreed to construct the whole line of the road, assuming such contracts as the Company had already made. Oakes Ames was to receive pay at rates varying from $50,000 to $96,000 per mile, as the work was accepted by the United States; or, in lieu of money, first mortgage bonds of the road at 92 cents, Government bonds, and other securities. But, according to Mr. Davis, Oakes Ames, before he obtained this contract, had given a bond to Oliver Ames, Durant, M'Comb, and the others who have been named, by which he had bound himself to transfer his contract with the Union Pacific to these gentlemen in their individual capacity. The contract with Oakes Ames was, consequently, nothing more than a vehicle through which Oliver Ames, Durant, and the rest, as Directors, let the building of the road to themselves, and fixed their own prices. Mr. Davis further charged that this contract was dated back to April 16, so that these gentlemen also enjoyed the large difference between the actual cost of so much of the road as had been already constructed and the contract price which they had fixed,—a difference which Davis says amounted to $400,000. For the purpose of further concealment and additional facilities, the bill charges that another contract was made which was called a "Triplicate Agreement." The parties to this contract were Oakes Ames, party of the first part; Oliver Ames, M'Comb, Durant, and the others parties of the second part, and "The Credit Mobilier of America," a corporation organized under a charter from the State of Pennsylvania, the party of the third part. By this contract, the parties of the second part assumed to advance the money and do the work necessary to fulfil the contract which Oakes Ames had with the Union Pacific, and, after reimbursing themselves, to divide the residue among the stockholders of the Credit Mobilier, upon certain conditions. Those conditions were, that the stockholders in the Credit Mobilier should also be stockholders in the Union Pacific, and should give the parties of the second part (Oliver Ames, M'Comb, Durant, and the others,) the power to vote on six-tenths of all the Union Pacific stock which they might have or receive as dividends in the Credit Mobilier. This arrangement placed the entire control in the hands of the seven gentlemen who have been named. Mr. Davis then says that the railroad charged against these gentlemen $30,000 a mile as the actual cost of construction, and paid them at the rate of $50,000 per mile in Government and first mortgage bonds. A table of Credit Mobilier dividends shows that Mr. Durant made $1,060,865, Oliver Ames $877,500, Oakes Ames $396,562, and so on, the aggregate dividends amounting to 770 per cent. In receipting for their dividends, the stockholders in the Credit Mobilier expressly agreed to hold Durant, Ames, and their associates free from all liability, personal or otherwise. There was also a stipulation that the stockholders, having received their dividends, would pay back, *pro rata*, any sum that might be required to finish the road, and pay for the work. When this emergency arose, however, they refused to comply with the stipulation, and hence this suit brought by Mr. Davis, and similar suits brought by others against the Credit Mobilier, to recover pay for work done on the road. The Davis suit was compromised and withdrawn.

The conclusion drawn by Mr. Davis in his bill from those facts was, that the gentlemen named procured the cover of a Pennsylvania corporation, under which, for themselves and their friends, they conducted the work of building the Union Pacific Railroad, and absorbed all the Railroad Company's assets, in taking about twice the amount of the actual cost of the road. The bill further charged that these gentlemen had procured land-grant bonds from the Company at 80 cents on the dollar, and sold them subsequently at par. It also propounded some very hard questions, one of which was as follows:

14. Whether the said Thomas C. Durant, then being Vice President and manager of said Railroad Company, or holding some other office of trust in or about the same, did not pay to two of the Commissioners of the United States, for the examination of said railroad, some time in the year 1869, in a railroad car of said Company, and in presence of one Fox Diefendorf, a certain sum of money, to-wit: $25,000 to each of them; or some other, and what other sum or sums; and were not said payments made in order to secure a favorable, or some report, to some officer of the United States Government, or because said Commissioners had made such report or reports in respect of the construction of said road?

This much is certain: The report was favorable; the work was accepted; the stockholders of the Credit Mobilier received several million dollars in dividends; there were no investigations nor hindrances. It is now for the Investigating Committee to determine whether any Congressmen contributed to the easy success of the scheme, and whether they were paid for it. Meanwhile, the history of the Credit Mobilier shows how railroads may be built with Government funds.

THE FIFTH AVENUE CALAMITY.

The calamity at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, involving a frightful loss of life, sends its warning to a most important interest, of very wide application, but nowhere more timely than in Chicago. In our new era of great hotels approaching completion, it should be heeded, and bring its results in increased care in construction to guard against the peril of fire. It has been the boast of the great hotels of the metropolis,—filled at all times, from top to bottom, with guests,—that such was the incessant watchfulness at all points, no fire, however dangerous its outbreak, could gain headway. And it would seem as if this should be so. At all events, it is singular that the exception should be the Fifth Avenue Hotel, which has so long stood in the front rank of American hotels, and the model even among the best foreign examples. Yet a fire starts in the basement, and eats its way unopposed to the very top of the building, and there overtakes its unsuspecting victims, the victims of human carelessness, which imperilled more lives than theirs. There is no reason, except niggardliness, why every large hotel should not be watched throughout all hours of the night, and in a manner which would enforce faithfulness in the night guard by methods long familiar in great manufacturing establishments. The tragedy at the Fifth Avenue is a stain upon its management, for they, of all other hotel-keepers in the country, have been paid to include safety among the features assured by their well-appointed and prosperous house, which for fourteen years has been the Mecca of first-class travel, the envy of all landlords, and a mine of gold to its hosts. From this sad calamity, the warning should penetrate the entire hotel interest everywhere, that ceaseless vigilance is the price of safety, and that neglect is criminal where such an appalling sequel may follow it.

Sad as is this calamity, however, those most familiar with all the circumstances must find their horror mingled with gratitude that it was no worse. The Fifth Avenue structure, commenced in 1857 as a block of residences, was remodelled at great expense into a hotel, which has stood in the front rank of popularity and success ever since. But its intricate flights of stairs, wooden elevator shafts, and narrow areas have always held it in peril of destruction from the intensely-heated laundry and drying departments beneath, while its dark and tortuous corridors have always brought unpleasant suggestions as to the possible event should the fire, thus invited, produce a panic among the inmates on the upper floors. Sad as is the fate of the poor housemaids burned, out of the reach of rescue, in their garret, there is reason for thankfulness that the holocaust did not include, with the entire destruction of the edifice, a death-roll among guests as well as servants, that would have sent grief and mourning throughout the country.

The proprietors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel owe it to the public, since restitution is impossible, to make the recurrence of such a calamity impossible. The elevators should be made fireproof shafts, stair-cases of incombustible material should run to the topmost floor in the building, and every modern safeguard should be set about the extra-hazardous departments of the hotel laundry and kitchen. When the Fifth Avenue again offers its accommodations to the travelling community, it should be safe as well as luxurious. And the new hotels of Chicago should take the lesson to heart. One of our capitalists is carrying the question to the extreme of a perfectly fire-proof house. Let all the others imitate him at least in all essential points, or the list of hotel horrors will have fresh illustrations in our own city at no distant day.

The Death of Edwin Forrest.

The telegraph brings the intelligence of the death of Edwin Forrest, the Nestor of the American dramatic stage, and probably the best known actor in this country, which occurred in Philadelphia, yesterday forenoon, at 11 o'clock. He has been upon the stage fifty-three years, and has played to two generations of theatre-goers in Shakspearean parts, and certain romantic characters written for him with reference to his very marked physical abilities. It is within the probabilities to say that there is not a man, woman, or child in the United States, accustomed to go to the theatre, who has not seen Mr. Forrest in some of his *roles*, as he has played in all the large cities, and during the past ten years has made frequent tours through the principal small towns. His death will, therefore, awaken very general interest to know the details of his life and professional career.

Edwin Forrest was born in Philadelphia, March 9, 1806. He was precocious in dramatic talent, and displayed a predilection for the stage at a very early age. In his 12th year, he appeared in female parts in the Old South Street Theatre, in Philadelphia, but did not make a formal *debut* until Nov. 20, 1820, when he played "Young Norval," in Home's tragedy of "Douglass," at the Walnut Street Theatre, in the same city. He then set out upon a protracted tour in the Western cities, during which he made considerable reputation as an actor. Upon his return to the seaboard, he played several engagements in Albany and Philadelphia, and at last made his *debut* in New York City, in July, 1826, in the part of "Othello." He created a favorable impression at once, and his engagement was an eminently successful one. For several years after, he acted in the principal cities of the Union, his most prominent characters being "Othello," "Macbeth," "Hamlet," "Richard III," "Lear," "Shylock," and other Shakspearean parts; "Richelieu," in Bulwer's play of the same name; "Metamora," written for him by Mr. John A. Stone; "Spartacus," in "The Gladiator," by Dr. Bird; "Brutus," by John Howard Payne; and "Jack Cade," by Judge Conrad, of Philadelphia. In 1834, he visited England, where he played his leading parts with great success, which was in part due to the friendly courtesies of Macready, the eminent English tragedian, who, we believe, is still living. During his second visit to England he married Miss Sinclair, daughter of the well-known singer of that name, and returned to the United States, with her, in 1838. In 1844, he went to England the third time, and remained there two years. During this visit, there was a rupture in the friendly relations of Forrest and Macready, which subsequently led to disastrous results. Mr. Macready made three visits to the United States,—the first in 1826, the second in 1843-'4, and the third in 1849. His presence in New York during the latter year revived the old quarrel, and, during his engagement at the Astor-Place Opera House, the animosity between the two ran so high that the friends of Mr. Forrest also espoused the quarrel. On the night of May 10, 1849, Mr. Macready was attacked by a mob, from whom he narrowly escaped with his life. The riot became so alarming, and the efforts of the city authorities so unavailing to check it, that the military were called out and fired upon the mob, killing twenty-two upon the spot, besides seriously wounding several others. If anything had been wanting heretofore to bring Mr. Forrest's name prominently before the public, that want was now supplied, and for a time he became the most noted character of the day, both in America and England, and was the recipient both of laudation and villification sufficient to suit the ambition of any one. Another event happened in the same year which brought his name afresh before the public, and with as much prominence as the Astor Place riot had caused. He separated from his wife for alleged improprieties upon her part. Subsequently she brought an action against him for divorce, alleging infidelity, and, in January, 1852, she obtained a verdict in her favor, with an annual allowance of $3,000 as alimony. Mr. Forrest took an appeal from this decision, which was pending in the courts for about fifteen years, and was finally decided against him. The result was, that he was compelled to pay the accrued alimony in a lump, with interest and costs, amounting to nearly $100,000, and $3,000 per year thereafter. Mr. Forrest derived some consolation from the fact that he would make the American people pay it, and, although he had quit the stage, returned to it with this purpose in view, and for many years succeeded in his purpose.

These are the principal events in his life which have a public interest. His first appearance in Chicago was made nearly twenty-five years ago, at Rice's Theatre, on Dearborn street, in the character of "Jack Cade." During his engagement, he was hissed, whereupon he left Chicago in a towering rage, avowing his determination never to play here again. He kept his vow for twenty years, and then, about five years ago, returned here, and played an engagement at Crosby's Opera House, which was unsuccessful, both dramatically and financially. He had grown old, gouty, and crippled, and he left Chicago the second time in even a more towering rage than the first, and incensed at the unfavorable criticisms which the papers had bestowed upon him. He would "live to eat the goose that ate the grass that grew upon the grave of the man that wrote that criticism," were his cheerful parting words to one of the Chicago critics.

Mr. Forrest, in his prime, was a man of herculean mould and magnificent carriage. His symmetrical development of muscle, his broad chest, and especially his neck and the superb poise of his head, gave him the statuesquoness of an antique. The statue of the Gladiator was not a more perfect embodiment of Spartacus than Mr. Forrest, with his magnificent and colossal physique. There has never been on the American stage such a powerfully, and at the same time symmetrically, developed man. His presence, in whatever *role* he appeared, was imposing and majestic. His voice was no less wonderful than his physique. It was rich, deep, robust, and sonorous, and bore the same relations to the dramatic that Carl Formes' voice did to the lyric stage when the latter was in his prime. In addition to these natural qualities, it possessed unexampled power. In certain passages of "Metamora," for instance, he would commence like the low rumble of distant thunder, and, by the use of a superb crescendo, reach a vocal climax which was almost appalling. In the stormy lines of "Othello's" wrath, the power of his voice was almost ear-splitting. At other times, he could reduce his voice to a whisper, which was so clear and penetrating that every word was audible even in the most remote portions of the theatre. In all parts which required the exercise of these natural capacities, he excelled; and the result was, that the characters which were written for him, with special reference to these capacities, were his best. He was almost purely an objective actor, and always a greater favorite with the groundlings, and those who admired furious displays of passion and robust exhibitions of power, than with the more intellectual hearers, who looked for artistic conceptions of the spirit of characters and refinement of expression. He was the great exponent of the romantic school as opposed to the natural, and carried its theories to such an excess that he often became stilted and conventional. His whisper, his stage-walk, his attitudes, and especially his rant, became notorious, and they were copied far and wide by lesser actors. In this manner he became, to a certain degree, the representative of a new school of acting, whose influences, in some respects, have been very vicious, as might naturally be inferred. What in him was tolerable, when joined to his really great qualities, became in lesser men simply ridiculous or painful. In characters of a subjective or metaphysical class, like "Hamlet," for instance, he was lacking, although he always had the belief that he was the greatest "Hamlet" on the stage, and defended his belief with unusual courage and considerable ingenuity. His persistence in remaining upon the stage after old age and its infirmities had seized him, and the delusion which he cherished, during the last ten years of his life, that he still retained the power to fascinate audiences, were painful to those who remembered him in his prime. During this time, there were only one or two characters, like "Lear" and "Richelieu," in which he excelled, and this by virtue of his own age and numerous infirmities. His death is not a loss to the boards, for he had outlived his usefulness, and had long "superfluous lagged upon the stage;" but he will always be remembered by those now living, and will take his place in dramatic history as one of the most remarkable romantic actors America has ever produced. He has left a large fortune, accumulated entirely in the profession, consisting, in part, of one of the most elegant residences in the United States, and one of the finest dramatic libraries in the world, especially in its collections of Shakspeareana.

A Frenchman, recently, who saw the corpse of a young and beautiful girl in the Paris Morgue, conceived a violent attachment for it. As it was impossible that the late departed could return his passion, and as he deemed it the height of absurdity that he should be alive when such a beautiful creature was dead, he went off and drowned himself, and soon had the satisfaction of lying on the slab next her, and of being a much worse looking object than she. The preposterous fool attained the object of his desire, and gratified his posthumous vanity. Ordinary people, however, would prefer the homeliest woman imaginable, provided she were alive, to the most beautiful of drowned Ophelias, especially, if to obtain the latter, it were necessary to drown themselves also. Except for the cure of rheumatism and getting rid of tax-collectors, we fail to see special advantage in the underground cond

One Rev. W. H. Richards has inaugurated movement in England to induce the schools girls to attach a department for teaching omical cookery and household manage The proposition is by no means new; but, advanced heretofore, it has been met with jections that were regarded as insuperable. main opposition comes from the schools selves, where it is held that mental instruct would be largely retarded by the practical that progress in household matters would quire. Girls are sent to school, they say, learn geography, and history, and arithm and so forth, and parents would not be satisf if they should learn any less of these thi than they do now. They claim that the arts cooking and cleaning would not enter into demands of examination before the Board, that the result would be a withdrawal of pat age from the schools. The general conclus seems to be that home is the proper place qualify for home duties.

There is little doubt that the popular ent ment of Italy has been turned against the pr ent French Government by the order which Thiers issued some time since for the expuls of Prince Napoleon and his wife, who is Italian Princess. The Italian press seems de mined not to forget it, and has utterly r fused to accept M. Thiers' repeated assuran that he was not aware that the Princess C hilde was in France at the time the expulsion her husband was ordered. The sentiment of dered and at our disposal, which is far fr case. After the fire in October, 1871, an of $17[illegible] a month was paid to the Asylum f art fund, to provide for the maintenance whose widowed mothers were depend selves for support. This relief was c April of this year. Many of the child parent, who for various reasons cannot them in a home of their own, yet can their support in the Asylum by paying a their board. Frequently these are evide the exercise of the charities of the hea phans themselves. At the March me Directresses, Mr. Paxton reported havi Brideswell and Police Courts for the purp ing if there were children there who properly come under our care. Enquiries were constantly brought before the Court homeless children, who were in no[w]ise penal institutions, yet for whom no o provided; such the ladies voted to re Asylum, not without a good deal of uncert they were justified by the hope of receiv incurring the risk of moral contagion course involved. The Mayor and offic heartily glad of our co-operation in car[e] waifs, as I have continued to send to the such children. We feel justified in this the results. This class of inmates com children are cast out by the New York soci picture set in the wall, he found himself oblig to employ a joiner to make a new frame glazier to put in a new glass, a mason to plas up the hole in the wall, and a house-painter paint it over,—the whole work being a simp job that one man

PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM

Annual Meeting of the Managers of the Institution.

Reports of Officers—Gratifying Results Achieved.

The Asylum Out of Debt, and a Thousand Ahead.

The annual meeting of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, No. 737 Michigan avenue, was held last evening, many prominent citizens being present, among them Mrs. J. F. Barnard, formerly of Chicago, and for 16 years a Directress of the institution. Mr. G. Van Schaak was elected President *pro tem*. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Eldridge E. Keith, acted as Secretary, and read the following report of the Secretary of the Board of Directresses, Mrs. H. M. Willmarth:

MRS. WILLMARTH'S REPORT.

During the year ending on the second Thursday in December, there have been received into the Asylum 347 children; 174 have been sent out to homes; 17 have died. The average number of the family has been 90, but since the advent of cold weather that average has been largely increased; 100 children last month taxed the capacity for accommodation to its utmost, and yet the demand for children must, and yet the demand for children would remain so if all our children were surrendered. After the fire in October, 1871, an appropriation of $175 a month was paid to the Asylum from the Stewart fund, to provide for the maintenance of children whose widowed mothers were dependent on them. This relief was continued till April of this year. Many of the children have one parent, who for various reasons cannot care for children from the home of their own, yet can contribute to their support in the Asylum by paying a small amount per board. Frequently these are as evidently cases for charities of the institution as orthans themselves. At the March meeting of the Directresses, Mr. Paxton reported having visited the Bridewell and Police Courts for the purpose of learning if there were children there who would more properly come under our care. It appeared that there were constantly brought before the Courts vagrant and homeless children, who were in nowise subjects for penal institutions, yet for whom no other place was provided; such the ladies voted to receive into our Asylum, not without a good deal of uncertainty whether they were justified by the hope of reclaiming these in incurring the risk of moral contagion which such a course involved. The Mayor and officials were most heartily glad of our co-operation in caring for these waifs, and have continued to send to the Asylum many such children. We feel justified in this proceeding by the results. This class of inmates consist largely of children sent out by the New York societies, and runaways from homes; children as used to street life, so the restraints of a regulated household unbearable. From this class almost entirely are our runaways. Like the father's vagrant love which the erring child may always enjoy, the Asylum always receives its own. There are at present those in the family who have been taken by parents on trial for adoption and returned as undesirable. We feel that our Matron's tact and skill in dealing with such is quite peculiar to herself. We desire to express our great satisfaction with Miss Swan in every way. We believe it would be very difficult to find another combining so much executive ability with the gentler graces.

After the resignation of Messrs. Bowen and Paxton, Miss Blake was appointed Solicitor for the Asylum, at a salary of $50 a month, and travelling expenses. She has collected a good deal of provision from the country, from a great number of individuals. We believe it better to receive the aggregate of such necessary from our support from those who contribute a little, rather than large sums from the few, since more are interested in that way. The contributions throughout the year have been abundant and generous—a detailed account of them it would doubtless be tedious to listen to, useful as each article has been. There has been received at the Asylum in cash, $1,928.20; expended in immediate wants, $479.98; leaving a balance paid to Treasurer, $1,448.22. The ownership which Mr. Paxton formerly performed was assumed by the ladies since his resignation. Mrs. Locke and Mrs. Durand have purchased the provisions, much to the satisfaction of those concerned.

Scarlet fever, whooping-cough, and typhoid fever have been the most troublesome illnesses encountered. It is remarkable that, while the ages of children admitted range from the infant of a day to sixteen years, the deaths are under six years. There seems something abnormal in the herding together of infants as we are obliged to do in the nursery. It is here that the greatest mortality always exists; yet even here the average is less than it proves by statistics as obtaining among all infants. The internal improvements in the house have made the labors lighter and much more conveniently performed.

We include in our family a number of colored children, nearly all nationalities and religions—never ask a question of an applicant beyond what is necessary as to assurance of decent family.

The school taught by Miss Meyers usually numbers fifty pupils, from 4 to 16 years of age. They are taught to read, spell, and write, geography and arithmetic. Some of them made rapid and gratifying progress. As the younger children advance generally sought for adoption, the older not infrequently remain till situations are found suitable for them where they earn a livelihood. Four such still live in the home in the Asylum.

The ladies cannot refrain from a mention of the unfailing readiness of attention received by our children from Dr. Bingham. His devotion and skill have been of great avail. The sick or the Asylum have never been of secondary importance—all this "without money and without price." Such unceasing year has brought added cause of thankfulness. That is a day when, while the charities inaugurated in the country towns about us is seed sown on new soil, from which we hope to reap an annual harvest. It is also true that from our own citizens there has never before been so much received, never before from so enlarged a circle of contributors. To such of these, and to the great Giver, who has put it into their hearts to remember us, our heartfelt gratitude is due.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

He next read the report of Dr. B. H. Bingham, Physician to the Asylum, the facts of which are mainly contained in the report of the Board of Directresses. The contagious diseases, with the exception of small-pox, have been, according to the Doctor's report, extremely prevalent, and they have escaped this scourge only by the most thorough and frequent vaccination. They had about 50 cases of whooping-cough, nearly as many of measles, and about 20 cases of scarlet fever. Of the 17 deaths that occurred during the year, 12 were children under 2 years of age, 2 under 4 years, and 3 of 4, and up to 6 years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

After the reading of the Doctor's report, the Secretary submitted the following financial statement for the past year:

CASH RECEIPTS.

From rents	$ 4,010.22
Relief and Aid Society, "Stewards' fund"	1,800.00
Special donation from Relief and Aid Society	10,000.00
Jonathan Bunn estate	2,000.00
From H. Brown	100.00
Great Eastern (Circus benefit)	109.00
Ivan Dolgoruki, Alexis, through Hon. J. Medill	1,000.00
Grant	500.00
Citizens of Johnstown, N. Y., through Keith Bros	260.00
Citizens of Corydon, Iowa, through G. S. Bowen, D. D	25.00
Mrs. O. D. Ranny	485.00
Mrs. James Irvin, collections	133.00
Miss E. Swan, at Asylum	1,876.38
Miss Blake, collections	883.00
A. Paxton	1,396.00
Lady Directresses' oyster-supper	141.00
Other sources	664.00
Total	$24,465.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

On Carroll estate mortgage	$5,000.00
Improvements and repairs of Asylum Buildings	4,785.87
Furniture	1,636.67
Family expenses	8,161.90
A. Paxton, salary and commission	1,054.94
Insurance	240.00
Dan C. Follansbee, Treasurer, at last annual meeting	1,261.14
Total	$21,589.52
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	$2,876.24
	$24,465.76

CONGRATULATORY.

Mr. Keith then congratulated the friends of the institution upon the substantial basis which they have reached, and said it was the first annual meeting in many years when they could say that they were entirely free from debt. He urged the friends of the institution to renewed efforts in behalf of the little ones, as the sources for obtaining funds would not be the same as in the past year. He also called attention to the fact that the family expenses of the institution for the support of more than 100 orphan children are much less than those of many private families in the city, and it would seem that, when so much good can be accomplished with so little, that every lover of humanity should be interested and contribute to the support of this heaven-born charity. He concluded by paying a tribute to those who have served the Asylum so faithfully.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion a ballot was had, and the following ones were elected for the ensuing year:

Trustees—Colonel J. L. James, *Vice-President*—George C. Cook, *Secretary*—Eldridge G. Keith, *Treasurer*—Charles Follansbee.

Executive Committee—George C. Cook, Charles Follansbee, Fernando C. Myrick, L. Grannis, Rev. Charles E. Cheney, D.D., Hon. Joseph Medill, H. O. Stone, W. D. Ranney; Vice

Officers of Board—Mrs. Board Hodges, Peter Van Schaak, Myron ury, Mrs. H. M. W. *Directresses*—President, Mrs. O. D. R. H. Bingham dent, Mrs. C. M. Gray; Secre- Matron, Miss Emily Swan; Physician to the Asylum, conductor, Miss C. M. Blake;

Mr. Keith declined th. was persuaded to serve even. fice of Secretary, but porarily.

A Committee was appointed to revise the by-Laws and to prepare an annual report.

The meeting then adjourned.

WASHINGTONIAN HOME.

Anniversary Exercises at the Institution Last Evening.

Addresses by Clergymen and Others—History of the Home.

The anniversary exercises of the Washingtonian Home were celebrated last evening, at the institution on West Madison street. The exercises were held in the Chapel, which was tastefully trimmed with evergreens and flowers. Illuminated mottoes were hung over the walls, all of which were fringed with flowers.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. J. Goodspeed, after which Mr. Falk played a beautiful piano solo.

The Rev. T. W. Van Court then delivered an address upon the condition of the Home, and the object for which it was established. He said that theirs was a labor of much trial and difficulty. While they were endeavoring to lift men up, others were knocking them down. But they were sure they were effecting some good, and would yet be rewarded. He said that the greatest zeal was manifested among the patients to second their efforts, and if liquor was not smuggled in to them they would be easily cured. But he hoped that he had effectually stopped that. Of one thing he was at least sure; that was, that every man in the institution was animated by a desire not to return to his former habits. While we are accomplishing some results the work is accumulating. There are 2,400 saloons in Chicago, and these are knocking over men much faster than we can pick them up. But we trust we are doing something. There is nothing but woe from using drink, and many are so weak they cannot resist its use. It was to relieve from these woes this Home was established. With us it is a labor of love, but our love will not—cannot always endure, if you elect rulers who will permit saloons to present themselves at every corner, and thus undo the work we have accomplished. He concluded by an earnest appeal to close up the liquor traffic, asserting that it was the devil in disguise.

Dr. N. S. Davis, President of the institution, was expected to deliver an address at the close of Mr. VanCourt's remarks, but was too indisposed to be present.

An address of welcome was then delivered by Mr. Wm. McFarland, a graduate of the institution. It was a most eloquent effort, abounding in graceful expressions. He concluded by saying that he welcomed them in the name of the officers, the inmates, the graduates, and in the names of some who were now resting in their eternal homes.

A piano solo followed, this given by Messrs. Falk and Schultz.

Mr. A. C. Morey, the Secretary, then read a statement of the condition of the Home. He said that nine years ago the Washingtonian Home was established at No. 547 State street. It was sustained by donations from lodges, by church socials, and picnics. In September, 1863, it was incorporated, and was granted all the fines and fines of Cook County from licensed saloons to sustain it. For the last year these have been withheld, and the lack of them is much felt. On the 22d of March, 1865, the Home was removed to its present quarters. The building was purchased from Mathew Laflin, who gave $1,000 towards its purchase. In October, 1868, the final payments were made. By the will of Jonathan Burr, a Director, the Home was bequeathed $18,000, the interest of which only it is allowed to use. By another season, it is hoped, the Home will be removed into other quarters, away from the temptations offered by the present locality. The number of inmates admitted since Dec. 12, 1863, was 1,185; of these, 455 were married, and 594 single. They were divided into occupations, as follows: Clerks, 161; bookkeepers, 101; printers, 46; merchants, 44; lawyers, 25; painters, 14; actors, 8; insurance agents, 9; clergymen, 8; editors, 6; reporters, 3.

Miss Anna Lewis then sang a beautiful solo, entitled "Ripe Cherries."

Rev. Dr. W. H. Ryder delivered a stirring address upon the various phases of the work of the Home.

Owing to the absence of Miss Lisle Lester, who was to have read some selections from the poets, the President called for voluntary speeches. Among the speakers was "Ned Buntline," whose remarks were very interesting, and elicited rather uproarious appreciation.

These were followed by short addresses from the inmates of the asylum, which abounded with interesting experiences and incidents.

The anniversary closed with a general social.

PERSONAL.

C. S. Chapin, Esq., has returned from New York.

General B. F. Wilson, Akron, O., is at the Briggs.

The County Clerk issued twelve marriage licenses yesterday.

G. H. Coster, United States Navy, is at the Gardner.

Captain V. S. Troup, of England, is at the Gardner.

Hon. George Eastley, of Whitewater, Wis., is at the Grand Central.

Captain Henry Paul, United States Army, is at the Gardner.

Paul Selby, editor of the Quincy *Whig*, is at Grand Central.

D. W. Wellman, Chief Engineer Wisconsin Central Railway, is at the Gardner.

Lieutenant Colonel Dennis, D. Codd, Esq., and Mr. L. Russell, of Canada, are at the Grand Central.

John G. Saxe, the poet-politician, visited the Board of Trade yesterday, in company with W. W. Chandler, Esq., of this city.

J. Irving Pearce, Esq., President of the Third National Bank, has recovered from his recent severe illness.

Captain H. B. Ruger, of Chicago, was united in marriage with Miss Margaret V. Prindle, at the residence of the bride's parents, Whitehall, New York, on the evening of the 5th inst.

Colonel James H. Runnigan, who has been visiting his family at Cincinnati, returned to this city yesterday, and is again pushing forward building operations in various localities of the burnt district.

Among the arrivals in town yesterday, were Col. E. Z. Judson ("Ned Buntline"); T. Cody, ("Buffalo Bill"); and J. B. Omerohunder, ("Texas Jack"). Colonel Judson will give a free Temperance lecture, on Sunday night, at Nixon's Amphitheatre. All are invited.

An election for officers of Blaney Lodge, A. F. and A. M., held on Wednesday evening, resulted as follows: Charles W. Day, W. M.; Ira W. Buell, S. W.; M. N. Fuller, J. W.; B. F. Chase, T.; E. G. Bowzer, S. They will be installed next Wednesday evening.

Yesterday the following were at the Briggs House: H. R. Day, Bloomington, Ill.; F. S. Thompson, Canton, Ohio; B. F. Burns, Denver; R. S. Tower, Pekin, China; George L. Larrick, Philadelphia; B. P. Perkins, Hartford, Conn.

The following were at Anderson's European Hotel yesterday: W. T. Niswanger, Buffalo; L. M. Buford, Rock Island; E. M. Serser, Urbana, Ohio; G. A. Gardner, Detroit; George E. Cole; Portland, Oregon; William Holmes, New York; J. W. Bean, Morris, Ill.; A. Burroughs, Philadelphia.

The following were among the arrivals at the Tremont yesterday: L. X. Wallace, Marinette, Wis.; G. T. Page, Concord, N. H.; B. Kinney, Nebraska; N. Du Brask, Philadelphia; E. M. Phrasher, Dayton, Ohio; C. J. McKay and wife, Des Moines; S. B. Reid, Joliet; D. N. Richardson, Davenport; E. M. Barnam, New York.

The following were at the Sherman yesterday: A. L. Lane, Bangor, Maine; F. R. Baird, Topeka, Kansas; L. Q. Quest, Providence; H. M. Herrick, Leavenworth, Kansas; P. S. Sand, New York; L. B. Rounds, Montclair, New Jersey; George P. Hamilton, Clinton, Iowa; C. S. Bryan, Washington, D. C.; J. F. Perkins, Springfield; S. A. Sauer, St. Louis.

Mayor Bennett and Aldermen McClelland, Runge, Cook, Richardson, and Loverenz, composing a special Committee of the Common Council of Davenport, Iowa, are in the city for the purpose of examining the chemical self-acting fire engines. The Committee paid its respects to Mayor Medill, yesterday afternoon, and was cordially received. The gentlemen leave for home this evening.

The following were at the Gardner yesterday: Samuel F. Thorn, New York; James L. Puffts, Boston; J. N. Hunckley, Miss Cox, Mrs. B. Valentine, Montreal; T. Thomas, R. M. Strong, Baraboo, Wis.; Peter Kiane, Jr., Dubuque; E. G. Robbins, Hartford, Conn.; E. L. Smith, Cleveland; W. G. Hamilton, Ramapo, N. Y.; Wm. Spear, St. Louis; E. P. Hollister, Denver, Colorado; C. L. Day, New York.

Mr. Rober Craig, an actor well known in Chicago, where he was an acceptable member of Colonel Wood's comedy company at the old Museum, some six or seven years ago, died suddenly on Sunday last in St. Louis. Mr. Craig made his debut at the Arch Street Theatre, in Philadelphia. His skill in imitation was most notable among his talents. Mr. Craig handled, too, the pen with considerable cleverness, and he was much esteemed as a painter. He was about 30 years of age, a married man, and the father of two children.

President Walker, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, and W. W. Wilcox, Superintendent of the Company's shops at Aurora, returned yesterday morning from New York, where they have been exhibiting the "independent axle." The car in which they travelled was supplied with these axles, and the extended journey just demonstrated their excellence. They attracted much attention among railway officials in the East, and will probably be introduced on many of their roads.

The chaste and subdued organization known as the Board of Trade was visibly and deeply agitated yesterday forenoon by a rumor that Laura D. Fair, the San Francisco slayer of men who would like to live with their wives, was not only in Chicago, but was actually present in the balcony of the hall of the Chamber of Commerce during the forenoon. A solitary female, of distinguished appearance, did show herself in the gallery for a short time, and it may have been Mrs. Fair. Such a rumor obtained currency on 'Change, causing a general cessation of business and a stare so unanimous that the lady was glad to retire.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Money, Stock, Bond, Gold, and Produce Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The reduction to-day of the Bank of England discount rate from 6 to 5 per cent had a favorable effect here on foreign exchange and gold.

MONEY.

Money was active in the morning at 7 to 7 1-32, but became easier and closed at 6 to 7 on the pledge of Government bonds. The quotation for demand loans is 7 currency to 7 gold. In mercantile paper leading names are held at 10 to 12 per cent, with few sales under the higher rate. The banks are still shipping to the South to the cotton people, and the demand from the pork packers is still urgent. On the other hand, considerable currency is returning, some from the interior of this State, but the greater part from the West and Northwest. The city banks are pressed for discounts on all sides, the demand exceeding the supply.

STOCKS.

Though the stock market opened strong and advanced one or two per cent in the afternoon a marked depression set in, resulting in a partial tumble. Pacific Mail fell off 6 per cent, and Panama 4 per cent. The series of disasters to the Pacific Mail steamers has convinced many persons that the Company's standard of seamanship is altogether too low. Within the past four months, the Company has totally lost three steamers, the America, Bineville, and Guatemala. During the same short period, the Arizona and Orinoco have become disabled, and the Sacramento has been stranded on the coast of lower California. There is very little short interest left in the market. Stocks are largely in possession of weak holders, which facilitated the downward turn to-day. The remainder of the market declined from ⅛ to 2 per cent.

EXCHANGE AND GOLD.

Foreign Exchange was higher for 60 days and lower for sight. Commercial bills are scarce, and the bankers find it difficult to cover their own bills. The amount of steam and sail tonnage available at this port is light, and many vessels are engaged ahead of arrival. At the South, the horse disease is checking the shipments of cotton.

Gold was heavy and lower, falling off ⅛, closing at 112⅝.

BONDS.

Government bonds opened ⅛@¼ higher, but closed lower, in sympathy with gold.

PRODUCE.

Flour closes lower, especially low grades. Wheat opened quiet. Shippers cannot operate to any extent for want of freight room, and prices of spring are uncertain. Winter sold higher. There is less than one-tenth the quantity here now than at the corresponding time last year. The market closes quiet and firm. Pork was moderately active, but rather weak; sales of 500 bris at $13.05 for new or old for December, and 13.00 for new in January. Cut meats without decided change. Bacon steady; sales of 75 boxes long clear, on spot, at 7¾c, and 500 boxes short clear for January at 7¾c. Lard weak.

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

Who Will Control It?

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The pending lawsuit over the two wills left by Mr. Greeley is pretty well ascertained to be a contest to obtain control of the *Tribune*. The story is that as soon as Mr. Greeley died, Mr. Sinclair set about bringing the *Tribune* under his control, and wrote to Schuyler Colfax, offering the position of editor-in-chief to him at $10,000 a year. Mr. Colfax declined, but said that perhaps $20,000 would be an inducement. It then became necessary to buy up the ten shares of stock controlled by the Misses Greeley, in order to secure a proper majority. Senators Chandler and Conkling agreed to put up the money, and with $100,000 in hand, Mr. Sinclair called on the young ladies, but they refused, having promised allegiance to Whitelaw Reid, who some time before had detected the odor of a rodent in the office. Sinclair thought of the former will of Mr. Greeley, and determined to outflank Reid by contesting the other document on the ground of the insanity of the testator at the time it was drawn. This proceeding ties up ten shares, and gives the Sinclair party the control of the office, —at least, for the present. Mr. Reid continues in the editorial chair, as usual, waiting the turn of events. Mr. Sinclair's chief ally is H. Ayer, of Lowell, who has been a Grant man throughout. It is also said that one of the conditions of Colfax and his Senatorial friends, made with Sinclair, is that a clean sweep of the present editorial staff shall be made, and also of the Washington Bureau.

Shocking Domestic Tragedy.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

COLUMBIANA, O., Dec. 12.—This quiet community was thrown into the most intense excitement, this morning, by the report that Erben Porter, living about two miles east of this place, had murdered his two little girls, aged respectfully one and three years. Some of his neighbors arrived soon after and confirmed the report. Porter was living with his father-in-law, Mr. Henry Hickinger, and was in the room above with the children, cracking hickory nuts, the children playing about the room. His wife was at the time up stairs doing chamberwork. Hearing some unusual noise, she came down and found the children dead and her husband going out with the bloody hatchet in his hand. He walked to Leetonia, a distance of five miles, where he was arrested and confessed the murder. He was taken to New Lisbon Jail to await his trial. He has long borne a bad reputation. He gives no reason, and none can be assigned for the terrible deed.

Chinese Labor Troubles.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—The importation by the Beaver Falls Cutlery Company of a number of Chinese, who have been introduced into the general workshops of the company at Beaver Falls, has caused considerable dissatisfaction among the white workmen of the company. The coolies in the employ of the company at present number nearly 160, the latest addition having arrived only a few days ago. It is alleged that on their arrival an attempt was made to introduce a number of those who had first been employed into the more advanced branches of the business. To this the regular workmen objected, and alleged that they were requested to instruct the coolies in the finer branches of the business only to be discharged as soon as the Chinese could do the work. As a result, many of the workmen of the various departments gave up their situations and came to this city yesterday in search of other employment. It is stated that the Chinamen work in positions for $25 per month in gold, which heretofore paid white workmen $80 per month.

The Halford Sauce.

One of the best articles ever in use by families, recommended by all who have tried it, is the Halford Leicestershire Table Sauce. To be had of every good grocer. On every gentleman's table it may be found. It is confessedly one of the best of relishes, and beside being so palatable and rendering everything else so, it is healthy.

The Saratoga Geyser Water.

Buck & Rayner draw true Geyser at the "Spa."

"GRUMBLER & CO."

Lecture by the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, of Brooklyn.

A Humorous and Entertaining Satire on Some Human Weaknesses.

The Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, one of the brightest stars in the religious firmament of Brooklyn, lectured last evening, in the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, to an audience not at all commensurate with the ability or fame of the lecturer. His subject was "Grumbler & Co." The discourse was a good-natured satire upon the folly of looking upon the gloomy side of life, and, incidentally, allusions were made to other weaknesses and idiosyncracies of human nature. Mr. Talmage is a pleasing-looking gentleman, plainly attired, a good speaker, with a knack of modulating his voice, and with dramatic gestures somewhat novel a pulpit orator. The West Side folks will have an opportunity of hearing him this evening, in the Third Presbyterian Church, when he will narrate his "Rough-and-Tumble Experiences in California." Judging from last night's lecture, it will be a rich treat.

He remarked that this was a very pleasant world to dwell in. If people had the opportunity to choose which planet they would walk on, they would have been wise to select this. It was a splendid world, and a good time to live in it. They should thank God they lived now, when truth was advancing and error disappearing. He would rather live ten years now than five hundred in the age of Methuselah. Still, there were persons who found fault with the world. There were amiable and agreeable people, but there were also a number of grumblers. There were many people who were satisfied with everything, and enjoyed life comfortably. How the grumbler contrasted with these! He was never satisfied. He took his family to a place of amusement and was disgusted with the music and the actors; he went to church, and, if the sermon was didactic and argumentative, he called it dull, and went to sleep; if it was humorous, he found fault because profane things were taken into the pulpit. He joined the church, and insisted that in the morning the edifice was as cold as Greenland, and in the evening as warm as blazes. [Laughter.] He was like a hedgehog—with his quills always on end. If such persons got into Heaven they would fall out with Saint Peter, find fault with the music, and get mad because the wall wasn't plumb. [Laughter.] They should look on the bright side of things. It depended very much on how things were looked at whether they were bright or black.

The man of bad manners was next in order. He had no affection for Lord Chesterfield's or clothes-made gentlemen. God only could make the large-hearted, generous being called a gentleman. A man revealed himself frequently in one flash of conduct. If clothes could not make a gentleman, neither could fine dresses and delicate perfumery make a lady.

There was no more pleasant thing than saying winsome things in a pleasant way, and no more detestable persons than those who were going around meddling with everybody and whispering about their neighbors. If a man's father had the misfortune to be hanged, these persons insisted upon discussing capital punishment, and if a financial embarrassment oppressed one, they were prepared to expatiate upon the beauty and convenience of bankrupt laws. Reconstriction, when harmless, were bearable, provided they did not hurt any one but the owners. The philosopher who put the candle to bed and blew himself out of the window, hurt nobody but himself. [Laughter.] Let two young men go out into the world, one with $20,000 and bad manners, and the other without any money but with good manners, and in the end good manners would win. Politeness and courtesy were no indication of weakness of character.

The lounger was one who came at the wrong time, and stayed too long. Some persons had nothing to do and supposed nobody else had. They remained around, sitting all over the room. They expected to be entertained. They rose to go, and, being requested not to be in a hurry, returned for another two hours' stretch. Compared with such an outrage, blessed was seasickness, blessed was gout, blessed was the horse distemper [laughter], blessed were all the shams and inconveniences in life.

The greatest bore was the man who felt he should speak at meeting. He should speak or burst. [Laughter.] He had a precedent in Balaam's travelling companion. [Laughter.]

The man perpetually lachrymose, who always had the blues, was another nuisance. There were men who were eternally full of evil prognostications, although in the lottery of life there were thousands of prizes to every blank. There was but one pair of Siamese twins to mill-ions of human beings. Sometimes these lachrymose brethren were fathers of unhappy families, and intruded into cheerful Sunday Schools to make everybody despondent like themselves. Good hearty laughter was better than spleen, and good humor more efficacious than growling. Unlimited indulgence in eating was one cause of the blues, because a civil war raged between the stomach and the brain. Gymnasiums were excellent institutions. In them doctors of divinities punched stuffed boys; millionaires swung dumb-bells; lawyers hung from bars by the heels, and all managed to get rid of rheumatism and the thousand ills that flesh is heir to. The gymnasium was better than an ocean of stomach bitters. The pure air of the country, inhaled on horseback, for those who could afford it was better. There must be something wrong with a man who did not love a horse. The man who misused a horse deserved to be kicked by a mule. [Laughter.] Skating was another excellent exercise. Ladies should skate. Base-ball was a healthy tonic.

These amusements were supposed to be undignified and improper. To the man who never kissed his wife without asking a blessing, they seemed so [laughter], but to nobody else.

For mental depression he recommended exercise indoors, if not outdoors. Exercise was something they would have to teach in the colleges, and instead of telling congregations what they should not do they would have to tell them what they should do.

Republican and Democratic hypochondriacs were always blue about the state of the country, and saying it was going to ruin. To his certain knowledge, the country was going to ruin since he was five years of age, but it had not gone yet. He was not afraid of the country until free speech ended, and then he wanted to emigrate to Kamtschatka. He believed men of every party could work for the good of their country, whether Republican or Democratic, Tory or Whig, native American, Fenian, or a Brooklyn lecturer. [Laughter.] The country was not in the hands of any party, but depended on the strong arm of God.

Mr. Talmage told some excellent stories to illustrate his discourse. As an instance of bad manners, he related how General Scott was visiting a gentleman in Philadelphia, and the gentleman being anxious that his son and heir should know the warrior, called the youngster in and introduced him, when the following dialogue occurred: Youngster—"Are you General Scott?" The General—"Yes; I'm General Scott." Youngster—"Are you the General Scott that was at Lundy's Lane?" The General—"Yes, I was at Lundy's Lane." Youngster—"Are you the General Scott that was in Mexico?" The General—"Yes, I was in Mexico." Youngster—"Are you the General Scott who ran for President and got licked?" The General—"Yes, I ran for the Presidency, and, and, oh, didn't get in." Youngster—"Are you the General Scott they call 'old fuss and feathers?'" Father—"Simon, go to bed, you rascal, I won't have General Scott insulted in my own house, by my own son." The want of politeness was illustrated in the person of the lecturer. He went from Philadelphia to attend a meeting of ministers at the Cooper Institute, New York. The train being late, he was late, and arrived at the Institute after the exercises had commenced. He asked a man at the door what he should do with his carpet-bag. The man replied that "he didn't care what he did with it." He asked the man if he could leave it in an ante-room. The man answered that he could if he liked, "if he didn't think the ministers would steal it." His brother was perambulating one of the back streets of Brooklyn when a man accosted him with: "Are you the man that's dying of consumption? I'm looking for a man in this street what's dying with consumption, and you look like a man what's dying; ain't you he?" His brother replied he had been a minister for fifteen years, and much reading and sedentary habits had given a sickly pallor to his complexion; but he hoped to bury fifty such looking fellows as his questioner. There was a mean fellow who never drank, who, when invited to imbibe, said he could not, under any circumstances, violate his temperance principles, but he would take a cigar and three cents. He illustrated the touchy man by describing a horse owned by his father, who was so wicked (the horse, not his father) that he had to be cleaned with a curry-comb fastened on the end of a ten-foot hickory stick.

Railway Accident.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 12.—A freight-train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad broke through a bridge at South Branch, 17 miles east of this city, last evening. The locomotive and twenty loaded coal-cars were precipitated into the river. Rutherford, the fireman, was killed. The engineer, conductor, and a brakeman were injured, but not seriously. Wrecking trains have been sent from here. The break will be repaired speedily.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Money after loaning as high as 1-32 closed easy at 6@7 per cent. The reduction of the rate of discount by the Bank of England had this effect.

Sterling firm at 109 for long and 110¼ for short sight.

Gold was lower, falling from 112⅝ to 112¼ and closing at 112⅜@112¼. Loans 1-64 to flat. Clearings $20,000,000. Treasury disbursement $60,000. Export, $500,000.

Governments were a fraction lower in sympathy with gold, closing firm.

State bonds dull but firm.

Stocks opened steady and higher with increased activity, and many holders realized at an advance of ⅛ to 1¼ per cent. In the afternoon there was a marked depression with considerable pressure to sell and prices declined rapidly; Pacific Mail, 6 per cent; Panama, 4 per cent; St. Joseph 2 per cent; Rock Island, Wabash, and Western Union, 1¼@1½ per cent, and the rest of the list ½@1 per cent. Pacific Mail was, as indicated, the weakest stock and fell to 73¼ on the renewed report of the two million mortgage. The market closed unsettled and heavy.

Sterling 108¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.			
Coupons, '81	117¼	Coupons, '67	118¾
5-20s of '62	115¾	Coupons, 68	116¼
Coupons, '64	115¾	New 5s	110¾
Coupons, '65	113¾	10-40s	109¾
Coupons, '65 (new)	115¾	Currency 6s	112
STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	94¼	Virginias, old	47
Tennessees, old	61	North Carolinas, old	34½
Tennessees, new	62	North Carolinas, new	21
Virginias, new	50		
STOCKS.			
Canton	35½	St. Paul pfd	77
W. U. Tel	78¾	Wabash	71¼
Quicksilver	45	Wabash pfd	84
Adams Express	92¾	Fort Wayne	93
Wells Fargo	89¾	Terre Haute	14
American Express	67	Terre Haute pfd	35
United States Ex	81¾	Chicago & Alton	111
Pacific Mail	73¾	C. & A. pfd	113
New York Central	95½	C. & M.	46¾
Erie	20¾	C. C. C. & I.	93¾
Erie pfd	74¾	C., R. & Q.	138
Harlem	117¾	Lake Shore	93¾
Harlem pfd	126	Indiana Central	83
Michigan Central	115¾	Illinois Central	123
Pittsburgh	86	Un. Pacific stocks	37
Northwestern	87¾	U. P. bonds	89¾
N. W. pfd	91	Ont. Pacific bonds	101¾
Rock Island	93¾	St. L. & W.	23¾
N. J. Cen	101	R., H. & Erie	9¾
St. Paul	54¾		

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11, 12 a. m.—Flour, 29s 6d. Wheat—Winter, 11s 10d; spring, 11s@11s 9d; white, 12s@12s 4d; Club, 12s 8d@13s. Corn, 28s 6d. Pork, 71s. Lard, 32s 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12, 1:30 p. m.—Breadstuffs quiet and unchanged. Pork, 70s.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The rate of discount at the Bank of England has been reduced 1 per cent, and is now 5 per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Consols, money, 91¼@91¾; account, 91¾; 5-20s of '65, 92; '67, 94¾; 10-40s, 88¾; new 5s, 89¾; Erie, 43¾.

The bullion in the Bank of England has increased £450,000.

Tallow, 45s.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—Cotton firm; middling uplands, 10@10½d; Orleans, 10½d. Sales 15,000 bales; speculation and export, 3,000 bales.

Red winter wheat, 11s 10d. Flour, 29s 6d. Corn, 28s 6d.

Pork, new, 70s. Cheese, 65s. Cumberland middles, 30s; short rits, 40s.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, today, including 30 cars reported to arrive, 1,520 head, mostly for sale through; shipped, three loads, 7,344 head, or 482 cars, against 164 cars the same time last week. The market is lifeless. The unfavorable reports of Eastern prices and the overstocked condition of the Eastern markets completely paralyzed trade. The attendance was fair, but buyers seemed afraid to offer any price. The majority of few lots weighed were sold last evening. Good cattle are firm, but common would not be sold at $5 per 100 lbs, yesterday's prices. Good Texans are in fair demand and command better prices than common natives. Sales 265 Michigan steers, ranging from 1,020 to 1,413 lbs, at $4.00@5.50; 93 Illinois steers, ranging from 1,081 to 1,170 lbs, at $4.90@5.36; 16 Ohio steers, averaging 1,319 lbs, at $5.50; 19 Colorado steers, averaging 1,083 lbs, at $4.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts to-day, 3,400, making the total supply for the week thus far 8,600, against 7,400 the same time last week. The market is dragging at $5.00@5.50 for Canada lambs, $5.00@5.50 for Canada sheep, and $5.50@6.00 for native lambs.

HOGS—Receipts to-day 20,000, making the total supply for the week thus far 37,300, against 20,700 the same time last week. Market dull and a shade off from yesterday's prices. Heavy hogs not wanted. Light hogs for the New York market commanded the highest price. Sales 1,000 Ohio hogs, ranging from 151 to 246 lbs, at $4.25@4.37½, only light weights bringing the last figure.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—BEEVES—After the many sales left over on Monday and sold cheap on Tuesday, we had about 41 cars on sale, and 21 cars held by us in very dull market. Stock not all selling; prices about the same. Sales: 4 cars Cherokees, averaging 684 lbs, at 7½c, 65 lbs per cwt; 6 cars Kentucky, 7¾ cwt, at 11¼@11½c; 3 prime Kentucky, 8 cwt, at 12c; 2 cars extra Delaware, 9 cwt, $132 each; 6 cars Illinois, 6 cwt, 10@11¼c. Thin cattle are hard to sell. Total receipts of cattle since Saturday 7,500 head, against 7,900 the same date last year.

SHEEP—Receipts to-day only 1,400, making 14,000 thus far this week against 19,600 the same time last week. After a very slow trade there is more life to-day and prices rather stronger at 6¾@6¾c for choice, with some extra lambs at 8c. Medium sheep sell at 6c, with poor at 4¼@5c. Sales of sheep and lambs 1 car mixed Canada, av 84 to 124 lbs, at 6¾c; deck, av 113 lbs, at 7c; car, av 144 lbs, at 7¼c; car Michigan sheep, av 82 lbs, at 5½c.

HOGS—Receipts to-day 80 cars, making 36,100 since Saturday, and the same as at the similar date last week. Market better. Live selling at 4¾@5c, and dressed at 5¼@6¾, with 3 cars Western dressed at 5½c; 2 cars live, av 260 lbs, at $4.80; 2 cars, av 200 lbs, at 5c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Business is as active as can be expected at this late period of the

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 12.

In the local money market, the progress toward an easier condition seems to have been checked by some increase in the demand for money at bank. It is probable that a good many people who have been holding off from applying for accommodation at bank, because they thought there was no use to ask, have simultaneously made their applications as soon as they thought there was a chance of getting it. The fact seems to show that there is a large demand for money that is simply held in abeyance until the money can be had.

We note instances of considerable amounts of paper, made by Chicago merchants and given to New York merchants for goods, being sent here by the New York parties for sale before maturity of the paper. The practical effect of this is that New York merchants are borrowing in this market.

The large demand for New York exchange shows that the West is rapidly liquidating its indebtedness to the East. New York bills sold between banks to-day at 25c per $1,000 premium.

BONDS IN LONDON.

The recent rise in sterling exchange has made what appears to some of our readers to be a discrepancy between the London and New York prices of the United States bonds. This, however, is only apparent, not real. For instance: the old 5-20s of 1865 were quoted in London on Dec. 11 at 91¾. Sight sterling is worth 110¾ in New York, which makes the London quotation for these bonds equal to 101 in American gold. The New York quotation on the same day was 113¼ in currency, which, with gold at 112½, is equal to 100¾, thus showing that prices of bonds in the two markets are just about the same.

BONDS CONVERTIBLE INTO GREENBACKS.

Within a week or two, a circular has been distributed among bankers, asking their approval or disapproval of five financial propositions, the gist of which are, as stated in the circular, to improve the currency of the United States, equalize its circulation, and place it on a gold basis," by permitting any holder of a $10,000 United States bond to present the same at any Sub-Treasury, and receive in lieu thereof $10,000 in greenbacks and a new bond *pro rata*, to present $10,000 of greenbacks at the same place where the said bonds were converted, and receive back the same bonds less the interest—the total amount of greenbacks outstanding never to exceed $400,000,000. This, it will be seen, is a plan for an increase of $44,000,000 of greenbacks over and above the $356,000,000 now outstanding—provided the converters of bonds are willing to pay 6% per cent per annum interest for the currency—that being what it would cost to buy the bonds and get the currency at the present price of gold. We do not think there is much of either good or harm in this proposition. The cost of converting a first-class security into currency would be too high ever to call out the proposed $44,000,000 of greenbacks. The other half of the proposed plan is to make greenbacks convertible in 3 per cent certificates which shall be available for bank reserves, the greenbacks so retired to be held as a special deposit in the Treasury.

The experience of the 3 per cent certificates, which have now been about all retired, shows that, if they were issued again, with no limit to their volume, a very large proportion of the volume of greenbacks would run into them, and they would become a permanent feature of the interest-bearing debt, and to that extent would be a contraction of the currency, except such portion of them as were held for bank resources. The National Banks might possibly hold $80,000,000 of such 3 per cents, as part of their reserves, and any issues of 3 per cents over that amount would be a contraction of the greenback currency, which would be, to a considerable extent, permanent.

On the whole, we do not see very much to commend in this elaborate plan of convertibility and reversibility. It would be a good deal simpler, and we think better, to make either greenbacks or any of the other obligations of the Government, convertible at par into 4 per cent banking bonds, on which banking should be free to all, and without limit as to the volume of National Bank circulation. In that way we should get rid of a large part of the greenbacks, and the banks would be obliged to redeem their circulation in either greenbacks or specie under penalty of having their bonds sold by the Treasury to do it for them.

THE BIG BANK SCHEMES.

The New York reporters have been hunting up the originators of the scheme to consolidate the National Banks of the United States into one monstrous institution under the control of the proposed "Governor and Managers of the Exchequer of the United States." After many inquiries among financiers and bankers who knew nothing about it, they finally traced the scheme to a pretentious private banker in New York, who is well known to be a confidant and factotum of Mr. Boutwell's. It is, therefore, altogether probable that this scheme which, was introduced in the House on Friday, the 6th, by Mr. Wheeler, of New York, is another of Mr. Boutwell's financial vagaries. He is adopting the same tactics to get an appearance of indorsement from the people that he did in the attempt to get up a popular hue and cry for "more greenbacks," in order to excuse his overissue of greenbacks at October. Mr. Freeman Clarke, of New York, is put forward to father the movement as coming from one quarter, and Mr. Wheeler and Henry Clews to start it in New York City.

THE GREAT ANTWERP FAILURE.

The ocean cable recently announced the suspension, if not positive failure, of the firm of Jacobs, Freres & Co., Banque de l'Union, Brussels, with branches at Antwerp and Liege. The institution is best known as the Union Bank of Antwerp. The bank has, it is understood, accepted largely on account of shipments of petroleum and other American produce from New York. The losses, however, could not have been on account of petroleum operations. The suspension was caused by losses in the Russia trade. Of the nominal capital of thirty million francs, only eight and a half are yet paid up; so that the stockholders are still liable to be called on for twenty-one and a half millions. Thirty days' notice is to be given of any assessment, and this explains the four weeks' suspension which the bank has secured. Meantime, its affairs have been placed in the hands of Fould & Co., of Paris, and John Henry Schroeder & Co., of London.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows, this afternoon:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
U. S. 6s of '81	117½	117¾
5-20s of '62, ex. int	113¼	113¾
5-20s of '64, ex. int	113¼	113¾
5-20s of '65, ex. int	113¼	113¾
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	115¼	115¾
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	115½	115¾
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	116	116¼
10-40s	109½	109¾
U. S. 5s (new issue), ex. int	110¾	110¾
U. S. currency 6s	111¾	112
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100 and int.	
Chicago City 7s	99¾ and int.	
Cook County 7s	99¾ and int.	
Hillside, Cemetery and Township 10s	103	105
Sterling Exchange, (large drafts)	109	@110¾

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Thursday, Dec. 12:

CITY PROPERTY.

Lot 1, in Block 2, of Warrenton's Subdivision, in e ½ of n ½ of Sec. 6, 39, 14, dated Dec. 6; consideration, $1,000.

Quitclaim deed, Sophia and Centre sts, e f, Lot 3, dated Nov. 12; consideration, $200.

Lot 12, Block 4, in Wright's Subdivision in s w ¼ Sec. 28, 39, 14, dated May 13; consideration, $900.

Quitclaim deed, Thirty-second and Thirty-third sts, e f, 80x125½ ft, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $8,000.

North ½ of Lot 17, in Block 8, of Grant's Addition, dated Sept. 24; consideration, $300.

Lot 16, in Block 8, Grant's Addition, dated Sept. 24; consideration, $900.

Lots 15, 14, and s ½ of 13, in Block 8, Grant's Addition, dated Sept. 24; consideration, $1,500.

Lots 13 and 14, in same, dated Sept. 24; consideration, $1,200.

Farquer st, n w cor of Jefferson st, Lot 7, with buildings, dated Dec. 4; consideration, $5,000.

Lots 12 to 14, in Block 4 of Sawyer's Addition, dated Dec. 5; consideration, $6,000.

West Eighteenth st, n ½ of Brown st, n f, 22x81½ ft, dated Oct. 31; consideration, $1,000.

Eighteenth place, 140½ ft w of Johnson st, s f, 25x81½ ft, dated Oct. 22; consideration, $600.

Twenty-first st, n ½ of Robey st, s f, 50x125 ft, dated Dec 9; consideration, $1,700.

West Twenty-first st, 50 ft w of Robey st, s f, 50x125 ft, dated Dec. 9; consideration, $1,800.

Twenty-sixth st, bet Indiana and Prairie ave, n f, 25 ft to alley, dated Nov. 6; consideration, $5,000.

Twenty-third st, bet Beddan st and Stewart av, n f, 25 ft to alley, dated Dec. 12; consideration, $2,400.

Lots 20 and 24, in Block 4 of Block 14, in Wright & Webster's n e ¼ Sec 12, 39, 13, dated May 6; consideration, $3,500.

Undivided ½ of Block 1, with other lots in Block 6 and 9 in Block 16, same subdivision, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $15,000.

Lot 17, in Block 1 of Blocks 14, 15, and 17, of e ½ Sec 31, 39, 14, dated June 11; consideration, $2,000.

Third st, bet Jackson and Van Buren sts, s f, 75x100 ft, dated Dec. 10; consideration, $100,173.

West Twelfth st, n w cor of Wood st, Lot 120, dated Oct. 10; consideration, $1,500.

Lots 15 and 16, in Block 4, Sutton's Addition, dated Nov. 27; consideration, $4,600.

North av, bet Franklin and Sedgwick sts, n f, 40x 41½ ft, dated Oct. 7; consideration, $3,000.

Larrabee st, bet North av and Hundred st, w f, 22x130 ft, dated Oct. 1; consideration, $2,000.

Holt st, bet Bradley and Division sts, e f, 25 feet to alley, dated Oct. 3; consideration, $1,000.

Lots 13 and 14, of Lots 1 to 4, in Block 23, Sec 15, Addition, dated Oct. 15; consideration, $16,000.

Lot 14, of Lot 1, in Block 45, of s ½ Sec 21, 39, 14, dated Dec. 6; consideration, $1,000.

Blocks 19, 20, 26, and 27, in Walker's Subdivision, in n w ¼ Sec 31, 39, 14, dated Nov. 26; consideration, $72,000.

Flournoy st, bet Leavitt and Horse sts, n f, 25 ft to alley, dated Dec. 11; consideration, $1,600.

Lot 5, adjoining the above, dated Dec. 11; consideration, $1,000.

Lots 8 and 9, in Block 6, of D. S. Lee's Addition, dated Oct. 30; consideration, $3,400.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 9, in Block 7, of Block 13, of e ½ Sec. 20, 40, 14, dated Aug. 27; consideration, $862.

Lot 8, in same, dated Aug. 8; consideration, $825.

Lots 30 to 34, in Block 1, in lake shore subdivision of Lots 24 to 26, in Pine Grove, dated Dec. 5; consideration, $6,750.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 9, in Block 4, Heintz's subdivision in s w ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated Dec. 7; consideration, $400.

Lot 7, in Block 2, of Hitchcock's subdivision in s e ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated Dec. 9; consideration, $700.

East 75 ft of Lot 9, in Block 3, in Assessor's Lots 17 to 21, in Sec 16, 38, 14, dated Dec. 11; consideration, $1,500.

Lot 5, in Hale's Lots 1 to 8, in Johnson's s ½ s e ¼ of n e ¼ Sec 8, 38, 14, dated Sept. 19; consideration, $3,500.

Lots 1 to 10, in Block 2 of Terry's part of Lot 7, w of railroad, in Sec 16, 38, 14, dated Dec. 11; consideration, $4,500.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 12.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date a year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1872.	*1871.*	*1872.*	*1871.*
Flour, brls	9,709	3,365	7,161	8,628
Wheat, bu	39,890	28,783	28,097	334
Corn, bu	46,440	135,979	2,600	9,903
Oats, bu	40,260	9,305	24,836	5,343
Rye, bu	3,994	1,057	2,300	3,433
Barley, bu	13,830	18,097	26,010	11,305
Grass seed, lbs	28,803	49,676	17,780	300
Flax seed, lbs	76,200			
Broom corn, lbs	108,490	14,770	7,220	22,100
Cured meats, lbs	992,460	832,332	1219,130	2226,200
Beef, brls	90	150	25	50
Pork, brls	175	310	310	662
Lard, lbs	18,620	129,370	736,340	290,534
Tallow, lbs	12,270	20,080	45,045	20,300
Butter, lbs	64,315	61,200	21,300	29,020
Dressed hogs, No.	1,358	1,033	1,117	1,907
Live hogs, No.	108,490	14,770	7,220	22,100
Cattle, No.	2,911	1,379	1,253	753
Sheep, No.	1,272	1,503		
Hides, lbs	144,653	84,890	52,200	97,525
Highwines, brls	207	250	404	550
Wool, lbs	201,100	59,028	98,346	53,480
Potatoes, bu	8,503	5,533		
Lumber, m feet	397	388	832	548
Shingles, m	400		860	135
Lath, m	50		22	5
Salt, brls	150		1,117	9,784

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 1,534 bu wheat; 2,252 bu corn; 1,244 bu oats; 853 bu rye; 4,984 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 147 cars wheat; 83 cars corn; 31 cars oats; 6 cars rye; 28 cars barley. Total, 295 cars, or 114,000 bu.

We alluded a few days ago to the rumor that some No. 3 barley had been taken out of Armour, Dole & Co.'s warehouse, and transferred to a North Side house, where it was inspected in as No. 2, without having been doctored in any way to cause a real or apparent change of grade. It now appears that the affair is more serious than was then supposed. It is stated that over 25,000 bu has been changed in this way; being loaded on the Northwestern cars at Armour, Dole & Co.'s, run out to the switch, and then run in on the other track, through a file of inspectors, not a single carload being detected. We do not presume to say whether this grain is (was) really No. 2, or No. 3, but it is pretty certain that it is (was) either one or the other, and that qualified inspectors ought to be able to tell which is which, and if they cannot agree any nearer than this, then of how much value is the thing called inspection?

It has been supposed, hitherto, by the uninitiated, that the inspectors at the different houses were governed by certain rules as to the quality of any particular grade of grain, and that it was the duty of the Chief Inspector to see that these rules were observed. Some people have had the idea that the Chief Inspector was in the habit of occasionally examining the grain passed upon by each of his subordinates, and telling this one that he was a little too strict, and that one that he was a little too lax in his interpretation of the rules. Such people may have been laboring under a grand mistake; certainly, if their impressions were correct, it is impossible to understand how two men could honestly differ as to the value of the same grain to the extent of 8c per bu, and that not on a single car load, but on some 65 car loads, retaining their differences of opinion without deviation in a single instance. Operators on 'Change do not differ so much in their views in regard to the value of grain to be sold by sample. They usually agree to within ½c or 1c per bu, and very seldom do they disagree by more than 2c unless one party is playing bluff, and don't want to trade. Yet our operators on 'Change only judge of samples incidentally, while the inspectors are supposed to have little else to do, officially, but to compare the grain to be inspected with a sample already furnished them, and furnished to all alike. The case certainly demands a sweeping investigation; at the best such a difference could only have happened through gross carelessness or incompetency, or both; and the public are vitally interested in knowing whether the fault lies with the system or with individuals.

The question of payment for the storage of grain is yet far from being satisfactorily settled. The inquiry, and a thousand and one times in the past, but recently unheard of, was again sprung to-day: "What right has a railroad company, or a grain warehouseman, to make any charge for delivery of grain within a reasonable time after it reaches the depot?" Any other article of merchandise, or personal property, even flour, is delivered to the owner free of charge if he calls for it within twenty-four hours after being notified of its arrival; but grain in bulk is thrust into store often before the owner or consignee knows of its presence in the city, and he is obliged to pay 2c per bushel storage charges, even though he does not wish the grain to lie in the depot a single hour. In the case of oats this amounts to fully 8 per cent of the selling value of the property in our market. We know it has been said that the railroad companies "cannot be bothered with the trouble of notifying, and the delay incident to holding grain for the owner; but that is simply begging the question. If their present facilities do not permit this; then could not their facilities be increased? And another question may yet obtrude itself, though now it be deemed impertinent; will not some of the roads leading into this city be released from the "bother of bringing the grain here at all, unless they enable Chicago grain-dealers to compete with those of other points, where the 2c per bu tax is unknown? This will bear thinking of; because the question may call imperatively for an answer at no distant day.

THE BITTER END.

While all of their old associates in the heavy transactions that once made the name of Munn & Scott prominently and honorably known in this community will regret their lapse from honesty, it will be universally recognized as salutary that ignominy has overtaken them, and punishment is to follow. Our city columns give the latest phase in this lamentable affair, the effect of which should be to purge our produce business from all the lesser evil practises that by too easy gradations lead to offences like those which have covered with shame and loss a firm but twelve months ago a tower of business strength.

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were rather quiet to-day, but averaged a shade higher, there being comparatively little desire to sell; hence strength, though the demand was light. New York was generally reported dull; but this does not affect the tone of our market so much in winter as in summer. As indicated a few days ago, our shipments are increasing in volume, except in corn, which is being freely carried past Chicago, owing to the relatively higher charges for handling in this city. No material change was visible in the market for staple and fancy groceries, and a fair amount of trading was done, and yesterday's prices were generally adhered to. Coffees and sugars were decidedly firm, but other articles were dull, with only a fair jobbing and interior trade being liberal. Prices remain firm for all staple and seasonable articles, with a good demand, with prices generally firm, and in good demand, with prices generally firm, and in good demand, with prices generally firm, and in

Clear	30.00
Culls	15.00

The receipts and shipments for the last 24 hours, ending at 7 o'clock this morning, as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Lumber, m	207	
Shingles, m	400	
Lath, m	50	

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MARINE MATTERS.

Wind from the Northeast—cloudy.

—Scow Mary Ellen is in dry-dock at Sandy Hook. She will be thoroughly repaired this winter.

—The schooner American has netted $12,000 profit this season. She is laid up at this port, and will be repaired and refitted this winter.

—The propeller Russia has been taken to Detroit, and is now in dry-dock. She will be thoroughly overhauled and refitted this winter. The Captain states that the value of the vessel, recently lost, was $40,000; cargo of 30,000 bushels of wheat, $40,000, all of which is a total loss.

—The steamer Florence, which was sunk a couple of weeks since, by running against a pier, has been raised and taken to Mt. Clemens, where she is now being repaired.

—Schooner Annie Mulvey, with foreign cargo for Erie, has made several attempts to get through from the Welland Canal. She made one on Saturday, and was unsuccessful.

—The steamer Benton is ice-blockaded at Sheboygan. She has made several efforts to get out, but the project has been abandoned for the present.

—The River and Lake Shore Line have purchased the steamer City of Sandusky to Captain Thomas May, of Keswick, Ont., and Captain Drake, of Cleveland. The price paid was $40,000. The new boat will be put upon the Cleveland and Port Stanley route next season.

—The prope Comet, from Buffalo and St. Joseph, and Oconto, from Chicago, all had cargoes laden with goods for that port, failed to get through Green Bay, and unloaded at Bay ports, where the freight will reach its destination by rail. The comet got into Peshtigo by sawing a channel through the ice, and the Chicago boats returned to Menominee.

—The Detroit *Tribune* has the following: "Four of the Northern Transportation company's propellers, the City of Boston, City of Concord, John Brown; Champlain, Captain Ira Blodgett, and St. Albans, Captain J. J. Knapp, and Lawrence, Captain A. A. Reed, left this port at noon yesterday, bound for Chicago, with miscellaneous freight, amounting in the aggregate to 1,500 tons. The instructions of the commanders were to get through if within the scope of human power, and they started out with the determination to do all they could toward that end. Just below Windmill Point they encountered a solid field of solid ice six inches thick. Undaunted, they attacked the obstacle, and kept at it for an hour without gaining the least advantage. The stem of the St. Albans was armed with heavy iron sheathing, but this was twisted and broken as though it had been a mere trifle. She also lost thirty or forty feet of her rail. The Champlain also came out quite badly, and the other two were somewhat less injured. They all finally put about and came back to Detroit, where it is likely they will remain this winter.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

Winter Arrangement.

EXPLANATION OF REFERENCE MARKS.—† Saturdays excepted. * Sunday excepted. ‡ Monday excepted. Sunday at 4:30 p. m. & Daily.

CHICAGO & ALTON RAILROAD.

Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Through Line, and Louisiana Short Route (Mo. Pac. Short Line) from Chicago to Kansas City. Depot, West Side, near Madison-st. bridge.

	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis & Springfield Express, via Main Line	*9:15 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Kansas City Express, via Louisiana, Jacksonville, Ill., and Louisiana, Mo.	*9:15 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Washington Express (Western Division)	*4:30 p. m.	*8:30 a. m.
Joliet & Dwight Accommodation	*4:15 p. m.	*9:30 a. m.
St. Louis & Springfield Express, via Main Line, and also via Jacksonville Division	*9:00 p. m.	*7:30 a. m.
Kansas City Express, via Louisiana, Jacksonville Division	*9:00 p. m.	*7:30 a. m.
Omaha Night Express	*9:00 p. m.	*7:30 a. m.
Peoria, Kookuk & Burl'n Express	*9:00 p. m.	*7:30 a. m.

Daily, via Main Line, and daily except Saturday via Jacksonville Division. ‡ Daily, via Main Line, and daily except Monday, via Jacksonville Division.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD.

Depot, foot of Lake-st., Indiana-av., and State and Canal Streets—st. Ticket office at Sherman House and at depots.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Mail and Express	*7:00 a. m.	*3:00 p. m.
Dubuque and Sioux City Exp	*9:15 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Pacific Fast Line	*10:15 a. m.	*6:30 p. m.
Galesburg Express	*4:15 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Galesburg Passenger	*4:25 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Mendota & Ottawa Passenger	*4:25 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Aurora Passenger	*5:30 p. m.	*8:45 a. m.
Aurora Passenger (Sunday)	*4:30 p. m.	*8:45 a. m.
Dubuque & Sioux City Exp	*7:15 p. m.	*7:30 a. m.
Pacific Night Express	†10:00 p. m.	†6:30 a. m.
Downer's Grove Accommodation	*5:00 p. m.	*9:30 a. m.
Downer's Grove Accommodation	*6:15 p. m.	*7:30 a. m.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Depot, foot of Lake-st. and foot of Twenty-second-st. office, 75 Canal-st., corner of Madison.

	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis Express	*7:30 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
St. Louis Fast Line	*10:00 a. m.	*6:30 p. m.
Cairo Mail	*4:30 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Cairo Express	*6:15 p. m.	*8:15 a. m.
Springfield Express	*4:30 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Springfield Express	*6:15 p. m.	*8:15 a. m.
Dubuque & Sioux City Ex	*9:15 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Dubuque & Sioux City Ex	*7:15 p. m.	*7:30 a. m.
Gilman Passenger	*5:30 p. m.	*9:45 a. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*8:30 a. m.	*9:00 a. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*9:00 a. m.	*9:30 a. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*9:30 a. m.	*10:00 a. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*12:00 m.	*12:30 p. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*4:30 p. m.	*5:00 p. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*5:00 p. m.	*5:30 p. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*6:00 p. m.	*6:30 p. m.
Hyde Park and Oak Woods	*11:00 p. m.	*11:30 p. m.

*On Saturdays this train will be run to Champaign.

CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS & CINCINNATI LINE, VIA KANKAKEE ROUTE.

Trains arrive and depart from the Great Central Depot, foot of Lake-st. For through tickets and car berths apply at Ticket office, 75 Canal-st., corner Madison-st., and at Sherman House, corner of Randolph and Michigan-sts.; also Foot of Twenty-second-st. and Michigan-av.; also Foot of Twenty-second-st. and Indiana-av.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Fast Line	*8:00 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Accommodation	*3:05 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Mail (via Kankakee)	*5:30 p. m.	*10:50 a. m.
Day Express	*9:30 p. m.	*7:20 p. m.
Lackey & Polis via Peru Road	*5:30 p. m.	*10:50 a. m.
Atlantic Express	9:30 p. m.	7:20 p. m.
Night Express		
Sleepers		

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD.

Ticket office, 21 West Madison-st.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Pacific Fast Line	*10:30 a. m.	*6:30 p. m.
Dubuque Day Express	*10:30 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.
Pacific Night Express	*10:30 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.
Dubuque Night Express	*10:30 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.
Freeport & Dubuque Express	*9:15 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Freeport & Dubuque Express	*4:30 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Milwaukee Mail	*8:00 a. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Milwaukee Express	*5:00 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Milwaukee Passenger	*11:00 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.
Milwaukee Passenger (daily)	*10:30 a. m.	*6:30 a. m.
Green Bay Express	*5:00 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Green Bay Express	*9:00 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Depot, corner of Harrison and Sherman-sts. 22 West Madison-st.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Omaha, Leavenworth & Atchison Ex	*10:00 a. m.	*3:00 p. m.
Peru Accommodation	*5:00 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Night Express	*10:00 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.
Leavenworth Express	*10:30 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.

LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

Depot, corner Harrison and Sherman-sts., Ticket southwest corner Madison and Canal-sts.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Mail, via Air Line and Main Line	*6:40 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Special New York Express, via Air Line	*9:00 a. m.	*6:30 p. m.
Atlantic Express, via Air Line	*3:15 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Night Express, via Main Line	†12:00 p. m.	†6:30 a. m.
South Chicago Accommodation	*12:00 p. m.	*8:30 a. m.
Elkhart Accommodation	*3:00 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.

CHICAGO, DANVILLE & VINCENNES RAILROAD.

Passenger Depot at P., C. & St. L. Depot, corner of Harrison and Kinzie-sts. Freight office, corner of Kinzie-st. Freight office at P., C. & St. L. Depot, corner Halsted and Carroll-sts. Ticket office, 75 Washington-st.

Taking effect Dec. 1, 1873.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Mail	*7:40 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Evansville & Terre Haute Ex	*1:00 p. m.	*12:00 m.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY.

Depot, foot of Lake-st. and foot of Twenty-second-st. office, 75 Canal-st., corner of Madison.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Day Express	*5:30 a. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Pacific Express	*10:15 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.
Fast Line	*3:30 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Mail	*8:45 p. m.	*6:30 a. m.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Depot, foot of Twenty-second-st., and foot of Twenty-second-st., corner of Michigan-av.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Depot, foot of Lake-st. and foot of Twenty-second-st. office, 75 Canal-st., corner of Madison.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Mail (via Kankakee)	*5:30 a. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Express	*8:30 a. m.	*3:30 p. m.
Accommodation	*3:05 p. m.	*10:30 a. m.
Mail (via Kankakee)	*5:30 p. m.	*10:50 a. m.
Day Express	*9:30 p. m.	*7:20 p. m.
Lackey & Polis via Peru Road	*5:30 p. m.	*10:50 a. m.
Atlantic Express	*9:30 p. m.	*7:20 p. m.
Night Express		
Sleepers		

HENRY C. WENTWORTH, General Passenger Agent.

BRIDGEPORT REDEEMED.

Model Slaughter House Movement.

Satisfaction of Property Holders Thoroughly.

While the delighted Ethiopia in Scripture, the migratory region of Bridgeport has no reason to "stretch out her hands" for what has already assured her in the way of relief, can at least take her hands from her ancient restrils, and our citizens can do the same and enjoy the future southwest prairie breeze. All of summer untainted by slaughter-house stench. When this Model Slaughter House, now being pushed strongly in hand by the opulent and powerful Union Stock Yards Company, is finished, Bridgeport stenches will become only traditional, and it will be impossible to suggest to the nose, and is will be impossible to suggest to the nose, and is will be impossible to suggest to the nose, and is

POLITICAL.

Further Details of the Struggle for Office in Louisiana.

Acting Governor Pinchback Recognized by the Administration.

A New Orleans Court Declares Warmoth's Impeachment Null and Void.

And the Pinchback Legislature to Have No Legal Standing.

The Acting Governor Sentenced to Ten Days' Imprisonment.

The Administration Compromise for the Alabama Difficulty.

Minor Political Matters.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—The Eighth District Court issued an order for the arrest of Pinchback for contempt. Pinchback refused to recognize the authority, and was protected by the Deputy Marshals. No attempt was made to use force in executing the order of the Court. Pinchback signed the act passed yesterday, abolishing the Eighth District Court.

Clinton, the new State Auditor, was installed in office to-day.

The Mechanics' Institute Legislature took action regarding the recalcitrant members. The Senate passed a resolution declaring the seats of all absent to-morrow, without good cause, vacant.

The following explains itself:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12, 1872.

To the People of Louisiana:

It is my duty to make known that the President of the United States has formally and officially recognized the State Government of Louisiana to the head of which I have been called under the Constitution of Louisiana. The following despatch has been received, and is published for the information of all law-abiding citizens of the State, to-wit:

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 1872.

"*To Acting Governor Pinchback, New Orleans, La.:*

"Let it be understood you are recognized by the President as the lawful Executive of Louisiana, and the body assembled at the Mechanics' Institute as the lawful Legislature, and it is suggested that you make a proclamation to that effect, and that all the necessary assistance will be given to you, and the Legislature herein recognized, to protect the State from disorder and violence.

(Signed,) "GEORGE H. WILLIAMS,
"Attorney General."

Now, therefore, I, P. B. S. Pinchback, Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor of the State, do issue this, my proclamation, counselling and commanding all citizens and others to render their support and give obedience to the Government of the State so recognized. I command and command all persons who may be participating in any illegal Assembly, claiming to be the Legislature of the State, assembled elsewhere than at the State House, the Mechanics' Institute, to disperse. I request all citizens to aid in maintaining peace and order and obedience to the lawfully constituted authorities, and furthermore, in the discharge of the executive duties of the State, I want all parties or combinations, on whatever pretence or authority they may allege for their action, that they will be held to strict account for their conduct in the future, and be punished to the utmost extent of the law for the violation of the good order of society or disregard of the dignities and peace of the State, and I now command and will enforce obedience to all laws which have been made, passed or may be enacted by the General Assembly of the State, now in session at the State House, Mechanics' Institute.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, affixed at New Orleans this 12th day of December, 1872, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Acting Governor of Louisiana.

By the Governor:
GEORGE E. BOVEE, Secretary of State.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—The following was telegraphed to-day:

His Excellency, U. S. Grant, President of the United States:

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HORTICULTURAL.

The Illinois and Kansas Horticultural Societies—Third Day's Proceedings.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Dec. 12.—The utilization of fruits was first in order. The Secretary read a paper on this subject from Mr. McAfee, of Freeport. The paper was strictly a scientific view of the subject, and no mere synopsis would do it justice.

Mr. Dunlap made a report on the same subject, showing how the making of cider and cider vinegar added to the value of the apple orchard. He gave the process before set forth to the readers of THE TRIBUNE.

Mr. Hilzer, of Alton, made large quantities of cider, and more or less of vinegar. This year he made more than fifteen thousand gallons, for which there is a good demand. He also stated that in making cider, none but ripe sound apples are used. Cider is refined by the use of isinglass or with sounds. This clears it of all impurities and substances that produced fermentation, and made it more palatable, for none of the aromatic oils are destroyed, and the cider is left in its natural condition.

Mr. Hilzer preferred Roales, Janet, Little Romanite, and Newton Pippins for cider; other apples made good cider.

Mr. Holcomb, of Cobden, gave an account of the Alden process of drying fruit and vegetables, by the use of hot air. Six pounds of preserved apples are produced from a bushel of apples. Eight thousand bushels have been dried in his factory. The fruit has cost, ready for market, 12 cents. The ruling price is 20 cents a pound.

Mr. Schuzeler, of Michigan, presented samples of the preserved fruit. He did not suppose that the whole fruit or apple belt would glut the market of the world, provided that it could be sent out in a good merchantable condition. The skins and cores of the apples are made into apple jelly, of which he obtained six pounds to the bushel.

Mr. Wier took what he called the shady side of the same subject, and stated that there was a large loss, as he made four and a half pounds instead of, as claimed, six pounds.

Mr. Post had a dryer that would save some seven cents per pound on the cost.

Dr. Hutton also had a process that was not subject to a patent, and for which he claimed great advantages as to cheapness and profit.

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Mr. Earl brought up the subject of canning fruits, and gave an account of such a factory at Cobden, in which many thousand bushels of peaches were canned, and at a large profit.

Mr. Pierson suggested that until we had something to keep the apparatus running the whole year, Mr. Pierson would feed his surplus apples to his milch cows.

The weather has moderated, and there is now a fair show of fruit, and the attendance has increased, but is less than usual on account of the horse disease.

The Committees on fruit and railroad freights reported. The ground taken in the latter is that freights should be uniform, and that the expense of transportation of seeds, plants, cuttings and scions, and furthermore, in the discharge of the executive duties of the State, I want all parties or combinations, on whatever pretence or authority they may allege for their action, that they will be held to strict account for their conduct in the future, and be punished to the utmost extent of the law for the violation of the good order of society or disregard of the dignities and peace of the State, and I now command and will enforce obedience to all laws which have been made, passed or may be enacted by the General Assembly of the State, now in session at the State House, Mechanics' Institute.

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Terrific Gale in France—Great Damage at Paris and Versailles.

The French "Left" Denounced for Advocating a Dissolution of the Assembly.

Inauguration of the New President of Mexico.

FRANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A special from Paris says that the gales of Tuesday last were dreadful. Versailles was also visited by a hurricane. The damage to property is very great, and several persons were killed in both cities.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The Left in the Assembly is much censured for raising inopportunely the question of dissolution, and their giving the Germans a pretext for rejecting the guaranties for the payment of the war indemnity, and an excuse for refusing to evacuate the country. M. Goulard, Minister of the Interior, has instructed the Prefects to prohibit the signing of the petitions for dissolution in the wine shops.

MM. Raoul, Duval, Lacombe, and D'Audeffret-Pasquier, will take part in the debate on Saturday. The immediate subject of the debate will not be the petitions now coming in, but those which were presented at the last session of the Assembly.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A special from Paris says that Gambetta and Louis Blanc will be the first speakers in the debate, on Saturday, in the National Assembly, on the petitions for a dissolution of that body. There is to show the neutral position which he occupies. He will not attend the discussion. The Ministers will probably disapprove of the debate, as inopportune.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—No hope is now entertained for the recovery of Disraeli's wife.

Intelligence has reached this city that the ship Franklin, which sailed from Hamburg several days ago, for San Francisco, with a large number of emigrants on board, stranded off the coast of Iceland, on an island of the Netherlands, in the North Sea, and went to pieces. Eighty persons are known to have perished.

A meeting in support of the Tichborne "Claimant" was held in Saint James' Hall last night. The principal speakers were Mr. Whalley, M. P., Mr. Onslow, and the Claimant himself. There was much disorder during the proceedings, and parties in the audience, who expressed disbelief of the alleged Sir Roger, were roughly treated by his friends, and hustled out of the hall.

ITALY.

ROME, Dec. 12.—It is not true, as has been reported, that the Pope will leave Rome if the bill for the suppression of certain religious corporations, now before Parliament, should pass.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The *Daily News* publishes a letter from Garibaldi to an Italian friend, in which the General says he joined France in 1870 purely from devotion to Democratic principles, yet he feels a pang of sorrow because he had to fight against those noble Germans, who, in their progress toward truth, are struggling against the hydra of Jesuitism. He confesses with shame that Italy is going back to the inquisition.

BRAZIL.

LISBON, Dec. 12.—The mail steamship Douro has arrived from Rio Janeiro, whence she sailed Nov. 22.

General Mitre, the Argentine Envoy, had brought his negotiations with Brazil to an amicable conclusion. It is settled that Paraguay shall make separate treaties with Uruguay and the Argentine States. The Brazilian and Argentine troops are to evacuate Paraguay and the Island of Atajo three months after the conclusion of the treaties.

The treaty already made between Brazil and Paraguay is not disturbed. The allies in the late war against Paraguay are placed on an identical footing with regard to the indemnification of their expenses. Paraguay is to pay them upward of 9 per cent per annum of the war indemnity during the next two years, and 6 per cent annually thereafter, until the entire amount is liquidated.

MEXICO.

CITY MEXICO, Dec. 3.—On the day of the inauguration of President Lerdo, the streets were crowded, and there was much enthusiasm. In the evening all the public buildings and many private houses were illuminated. The President, in his address to Congress, promises that he will obey the Constitution as the supreme law of the land, and enforce obedience to it. He cites his course during his late temporary incumbency of the office of President, as proof that he will maintain union among Mexicans, the complete liberty of the press, and rights of individuals, and hopes, at the termination of this term, to be able to say, "The civil wars are finished, the public confidence restored, and the public is tranquil." The President expresses the hope that Mexico, after so many years of war, may obtain the benefits of lasting peace. He will maintain perfect harmony between the Federal and State Governments, cultivate the friendship of foreign nations, and be ready to make new treaties with all nations that may desire to live in friendly relationship with Mexico.

Senor Lozano, President of Congress, replied to the inaugural address of President Lerdo, and the Minister of Spain made a speech in behalf of the diplomatic corps.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—The Reichsrath reassembled to-day. The Deputies from Tyroll and Vorarlberg were absent.

AFRICA.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—News have been received of Herr Mauch, the German explorer of Africa. He had arrived at Guilimane, on his way home, and was in good health.

CANADA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A letter from Gaspe Bay, dated the 6th instant, states that the lighthouse on Anticosti Island, below Quebec, was completely destroyed in the late hurricane. The house of the lighthouse keeper was also destroyed, and Mr. Baxter, the keeper, his wife, and six children, were all killed.

Several small fishing vessels were also wrecked on the island.

COMMERCIAL.

The National Convention at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—The National Commercial Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock, P. M. Bishop in the chair. The Committee on Credentials reported the names of the delegates from fifteen States—Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Texas, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Maryland, and North Carolina.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following:

For President, Ben. K. Crane, of Georgia.

Vice Presidents—J. B. Brinkley, Maryland; Wm. Heslman, Indiana; R. M. Bishop, Ohio; Louis Krieg, Minnesota; W. H. Weemes, Georgia; C. A. James, Tennessee; W. K. Smith, Louisiana; Thomas Allen, Missouri; B. Van Winkle, Texas; H. S. Hyatt, Iowa; John M. Davis, Pennsylvania; W. A. Steele, Illinois; E. H. Plummer, North Carolina; John Evans, Colorado; H. Verhoef, Kentucky.

Secretaries—Clinton B. Fisk, of Missouri; James H. Lees, of Ohio.

Recording Secretary—D. H. McAdam, of St. Louis.

The Committee on Rules and Order of Business reported that the rules of the House of Representatives of the United States should be adopted for the government of the convention, with the modification that the propositions presented be submitted in writing and referred to appropriate Committees without debate, the speakers to be limited to ten minutes; also the following subjects were recommended for discussion:

First. Improvement of Western rivers.

Second. A ship canal around Niagara Falls, and the Fort St. Phillips Canal at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Third. The Atlantic and Great Western Canal.

Fourth. Fire and marine insurance, and regulation of risks in proportion to security.

Fifth. Government regulation of railroad tariffs.

Sixth. Aid to railroads by State or local authorities.

Seventh. The necessity for additional trans-continental railroads.

Eighth. Protection of forest and encouragement of the cultivation of timber.

Ninth. A National postal telegraph.

After these subjects are disposed of any other proposition may be brought before the Convention. The report was adopted.

Mr. Grosvenor, of St. Louis, moved to appoint a committee of seven on each topic mentioned in the above report. Carried.

Mr. Laws, of Cincinnati, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that a committee of five be appointed to consider the propriety of a consolidation of all future commercial national conventions into a National Board of Trade.

The Convention then took a recess to arrange all the committees.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a recess the President announced the following committees:

To consider the propriety of consolidating the Commercial Convention with the National Board of Trade—James H. Laws, Barton Able, M. J. Smith, R. A. James.

Improvements of Western Rivers—Laws, of Ohio; Williams, of Iowa; Sweetzer, of Indiana; Voorhooff, of Kentucky; Davis, of Pennsylvania; Bain, of Missouri; Van Winkle, of Texas.

Ship Canal—Smith, of Louisiana; Davis, of Pennsylvania; Carpenter, of Indiana; Voorhooff, of Kentucky; Kingman, of Louisiana; Evans, of Texas; Place, of Ohio.

Atlantic and Great Western Canal—Weemes, Georgia; Jones, Tennessee; Bishop, Ohio; Able, Missouri; Cornwall, Kentucky; Hurd, Illinois; Baldwin, Indiana.

Fire and Marine Insurance Companies—Sells, Missouri; Eckert, Webb and Ferguson, Kentucky; Woolner, Indiana; Ballingen, Iowa; Smith, Louisiana.

Government Regulation of Railroad Tariffs—Hopkins, Maryland; Converse, Pennsylvania; Bowman, Illinois; Senter, Tennessee; Check, Georgia; Lathrow, Missouri; Cronkhieds, Iowa.

Aid to Railroads—Keene, Missouri; Ferguson, Kentucky; Hiedebach, Ohio; Roberts, Indiana; Overstair, Ayer, and Richardson, Missouri; Smith, Louisiana.

Trans-continental Railroad—Fisk, Maine; Bevier, Kentucky; Dorsey, Maryland; Burton, Ohio; Samuels, Georgia; Evans, Texas; Latzhow, Missouri.

Forests and Timber-Growth—Mitchell, Ohio; Fowler, Indiana; Cornwall, Kentucky; Hyatt, Iowa; Waterman, Wisconsin; Van Winkle, Texas; Kruger, Minnesota.

National Postal Telegraph—Woodey, Ohio; Samford, Texas; Elliot, Indiana; Bevier, Kentucky; Allen, Missouri; James, Tennessee; Evans, Texas.

Mr. James, of Tennessee, offered a resolution requesting Congress to appropriate $650,000 for the improvement of the Tennessee River, as recommended by the Engineer of the Bureau of the War Department.

The following Committee was appointed on Miscellaneous Business: Dorsey, Simpkinson, and Grosvenor.

Mr. Hudson, of Missouri, offered a resolution urging Congress to acquire, on equitable terms, all the telegraph franchises in the country, and incorporate them in the present postal system.

Mr. Brinkley, of Missouri, offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of three to memorialize Congress to pass a law regulating the weight and measure of tin cans and wooden packages containing oysters, fruit, vegetables, etc. Referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

Mr. Connor, of St. Louis, from the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of a reorganization of the Indian Territory, reported a memorial to Congress to establish a Territorial Government over the country known as the Indian Territory law, bringing the people thereof under the laws and jurisdiction of the United States on such a basis as will secure a homestead to the head of each Indian family, to sell the remaining land on such terms as will induce the rapid settlement and development of the Territory, the proceeds of such sales to be held invested by the Government as a fund, the interest of which shall be distributed annually and equitably among the several tribes, the establishment of free schools to the end that the Indians may learn the arts and occupations of civilized life.

Mr. Sipman, of St. Louis, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted under the suspension of the rules, to wit: That those States and localities which have not already adopted the system of public schools be earnestly requested to give this subject an early and favorable consideration; that public school education is the only correct method of thoroughly educating the masses of the people; that public education is the only true system by which the demands of society can be so thoroughly blended as to give successful co-operation to the united effort, and that the public school system is the only method by which the masses of the people can be educated at an expense not exceeding the amount heretofore expended in the education of the few.

Mr. James, of Tennessee, presented a resolution declaring it inexpedient for the Government to take charge of the telegraph lines.

The Committee on Canals submitted a report, stating that no project of greater interest to one-third of the country had been laid before the Convention than that of a canal at Fort St. Phillip; that the surveys made showed the plan to be feasible; that the interests of the South and West demanded the canal, and asking Congress for an appropriation sufficient to carry out the work.

The Committee also recommended the adoption of a resolution requesting Congress to adopt such legislation at the present session as shall secure the speedy construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls, on the American side.

The Committee on the Atlantic & Great Western Canal reported a memorial to Congress setting forth the great importance to the whole country of the construction of a canal from Huntsville on the Tennessee River, to a point on the Cocea River, Georgia, about seventy-five miles, which would afford speedy and cheap transportation of the products of the great West to the seaboard by a shorter and more reliable route than any now existing. This report developed strong opposition on the part of several St. Louis and New Orleans gentlemen, believing it was asserted that grain could not be shipped in good order via the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico, owing to the humidity of the climate, and the report was recommitted for modification.

The Committee on Forests reported a resolution requesting Congress to pass an amendatory act to that relating to the Soldiers' and Sailors' homesteads, containing a provision that all persons entitled to homesteads under that act, who shall cultivate five acres of timber of one year's growth, shall be entitled to enter the same and receive a patent therefor. Adopted.

A resolution recommending doubling the salaries of the President of the United States, heads of the Departments, and Judges of the Supreme Court, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Davis, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution asking Congress to appropriate two million dollars to determine by actual experiment the value of the different modes for improving the navigation of our rivers to fully meet the requirements of commerce. Referred.

Mr. Davis, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution opposing the merging of this Convention into the National Board of Trade.

Mr. Bishop, of Ohio, presented a resolution that the Legislatures of the States should pass penal laws, where such do not already exist, for the punishment of those who issue or negotiate spurious warehouse receipts; that there should be laws which will protect the holders of warehouse receipts in the safety and integrity of the property covered by such receipts, and that warehouse receipts be made negotiable like other commercial paper.

On motion of Mr. Bain, of Missouri, the rules were suspended and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Government Regulation of Railroad Freights reported a resolution urging Congress to reserve, in all future grants of charters or aid, the right to regulate freight and passenger tariff.

A resolution was offered favoring the establishment of a National Tribunal of Commerce by the Government, to be sustained by the Government.

Mr. Bishop, of Ohio, offered a resolution, approving the action of Congress in reducing the duty on imports.

Mr. Morrison, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution, declaring the reduction of import duties beyond the present limitation to be detrimental to the interests of the trade and commerce and labor of the country.

Mr. Bain, of Missouri, offered an amendment asking Congress to establish a Department of Commerce.

The whole subject was referred to a special Committee of five.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

War Department Weather Prognostications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Probabilities—For the Northwest and Upper Lakes, and thence to the Lower Missouri and Ohio River Valleys, cloudy and warmer weather, southwesterly winds and falling barometer. For the Gulf and South Atlantic States, northwesterly wind, veering to northeasterly and southeasterly, with high pressure, generally clear and cold weather. Over the Lower Lake and the Canadian region, southwesterly to southeasterly winds, lower barometer, increasing temperature and partly cloudy weather. For the Middle and Eastern States, northerly winds, partly cloudy weather, diminishing pressures, higher temperature, with occasional snow on and off the coast north of Cape May.

After the 15th inst., the display of cautionary signals at the lake ports will be suspended for the winter.

THE LATE HOLOCAUST.

Further Particulars of the Fire at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Death of Another Victim---Popular Indignation---Comments of the Press.

Full Account of the Catastrophe by Mail.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The greater portion of the damage to the Fifth Avenue Hotel was done by water. The fire did comparatively little. The furniture, carpets, etc., are largely injured. The amount of loss has not yet been estimated. The hotel is in good working order to-day, though one-third of the rooms are out of condition. The proprietors state that the house will soon be all right. The injury was sustained on the Twenty-third street side. The loss of life is deeply deplored by the proprietors of the hotel.

[To the Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Mary Ann Fagan, a victim of the Fifth Avenue Hotel fire, died in great agony at the Bellevue Hospital yesterday—making twelve deaths in all of servant girls. The fire originated, according to the evidence before the Fire Marshal, in a servants' room on the third floor. One of the proprietors says, however, that the origin of the fire is not at all known. Another of the proprietors says that he ordered an alarm to be given after the discovery of the fire. Both are of the opinion that the poor girls met their death from suffocation.

The loss on the building will be only $10,000. The furniture is damaged to the extent of $80,000.

An eye-witness says there is no doubt that if the alarm had been sounded on the discovery of the fire the girls would have been rescued. The general impression is that the hotel proprietors, in their anxiety to save the furniture and carpets, wanted to put the fire out themselves. The loud and piercing shrieks of the girls on the top floor were distinctly heard in the basement. At this time the fire had made great headway, but even then the hotel employes, whose attention was directed to the great glare, said, "Oh, it's nothing;" and again, "These girls will scare the guests if they go on in that way."

General Shaller, a fire official, says that the alarm was not given soon enough. Chief Engineer Perley says that the location of the fire was first telegraphed to him at 18 minutes past 11 o'clock. The firemen were on the ground five minutes later. He thinks there was an unaccountable delay at the hotel in giving the alarm. The tortuous ways of the interior of the building prevented the firemen doing very effective service. The foreman of one company says that at first he was refused admittance to the hotel, with the excuse that they did not wish a panic among the guests. He finally insisted upon entering. The Fire Marshal says that nothing like sufficient precaution had been taken to guard against the loss of life in the event of fire at the hotel, and that he finds no efforts were made by the people in the hotel to rescue the girls. He thinks the authorities were so concerned about the baggage of the guests that human lives were forgotten. Besides, the workmen were looking after baggage instead of attempting to rescue the endangered people. An employe says that he ineffectually endeavored to tear off the screws of the windows where the girls were confined.

Over 25,000 persons went to the Morgue yesterday. The sights there were of the ghastliest character.

The press of the city calls for a thorough investigation. The *Herald* heads its leading editorial thus: "The Fifth Avenue Holocaust—Who Was Criminal—Has It Murder in It?" and proceeds, in a lengthy article, to strongly condemn the authorities of the hotel for their conduct.

Six bodies are yet unrecognized. Three of these cannot be identified. Some of the bodies look like mummies, they are so blackened. Three of the roasted victims were found in a room, as though burned embracing each other. A great deal of indignation is manifested toward the authorities at their course in sending the corpses of the unfortunates to be stared at, in their horrid disfigurement, at the Morgue, which is intended only for the reception of unknown dead persons.

Some charitably disposed citizens propose aid to the relatives of the burned.

From the New York Herald, Dec. 11.

A little after 11 o'clock last night one of the servants, whose duty it is to "watch" all night in one of the upper hallways of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, discovered smoke issuing from the stairway immediately beneath her, and on running down to see what was the cause was confronted by a dense cloud of thick, blinding smoke, that came up through the openings in fitful gusts, one after another in quick succession. Realizing the danger in an instant, she ran down stairs, shrieking, "Fire! fire!" at the top of her voice. At every step she took doors were opened to the right and to the left, and the already frightened guests rushed out half-clad, all clamoring to know what had happened. But the girl ran on, still shrieking "Fire! fire" in piercing tones, and on every hallway she met some other "watcher," who, having already noticed the smoke, joined her in waking up the guests. The alarm in this good order via the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico, owing to the humidity of the climate, and the report was recommitted for modification.

The Committee on Forests reported a resolution requesting Congress to pass an amendatory act to that relating to the Soldiers' and Sailors' homesteads, containing a provision that all persons entitled to homesteads under that act, who shall cultivate five acres of timber of one year's growth, shall be entitled to enter the same and receive a patent therefor. Adopted.

A resolution recommending doubling the salaries of the President of the United States, heads of the Departments, and Judges of the Supreme Court, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Davis, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution asking Congress to appropriate two million dollars to determine by actual experiment the value of the different modes for improving the navigation of our rivers to fully meet the requirements of commerce. Referred.

Mr. Davis, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution opposing the merging of this Convention into the National Board of Trade.

Mr. Bishop, of Ohio, presented a resolution that the Legislatures of the States should pass penal laws, where such do not already exist, for the punishment of those who issue or negotiate spurious warehouse receipts; that there should be laws which will protect the holders of warehouse receipts in the safety and integrity of the property covered by such receipts, and that warehouse receipts be made negotiable like other commercial paper.

On motion of Mr. Bain, of Missouri, the rules were suspended and the resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Government Regulation of Railroad Freights reported a resolution urging Congress to reserve, in all future grants of charters or aid, the right to regulate freight and passenger tariff.

A resolution was offered favoring the establishment of a National Tribunal of Commerce by the Government, to be sustained by the Government.

Mr. Bishop, of Ohio, offered a resolution, approving the action of Congress in reducing the duty on imports.

Mr. Morrison, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution, declaring the reduction of import duties beyond the present limitation to be detrimental to the interests of the trade and commerce and labor of the country.

Mr. Bain, of Missouri, offered an amendment asking Congress to establish a Department of Commerce.

The whole subject was referred to a special Committee of five.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

War Department Weather Prognostications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, DIVISION OF TELEGRAMS AND REPORTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Probabilities—For the Northwest and Upper Lakes, and thence to the Lower Missouri and Ohio River Valleys, cloudy and warmer weather, southwesterly winds and falling barometer. For the Gulf and South Atlantic States, northwesterly wind, veering to northeasterly and southeasterly, with high pressure, generally clear and cold weather. Over the Lower Lake and the Canadian region, southwesterly to southeasterly winds, lower barometer, increasing temperature and partly cloudy weather. For the Middle and Eastern States, northerly winds, partly cloudy weather, diminishing pressures, higher temperature, with occasional snow on and off the coast north of Cape May.

After the 15th inst., the display of cautionary signals at the lake ports will be suspended for the winter.

widest state of excitement, and were crying piteously through sheer fear and horror. The men, at least the greater portion of them, appeared as frightened as the women, and ran about here, there, and everywhere in the halls, not exactly knowing what they wanted, and yet afraid to leave the floor for fear of something worse below. The carpets were soaking with water, and as one dashed his way through the affrighted crowds the water was splashed about as if from a road puddle.

"Come here," said a gentleman who met the reporter on his way to the third floor. "Isn't this terrible?" And the sight that met the reporter's eyes was really heartrending. On the wet carpet in the hallway, just off the main parlor floor, lay a poor servant girl half clad, writhing in torture and presenting the most hideous appearance. She was covered with burns and bruises from head to foot, and looked as though she had been smeared with blood. It appears she had been found by the firemen in the attic and was carried down and left where the reporter beheld her in her agony. Some kind person, in the absence of a doctor (none could be found at the time), had attempted to assuage her sufferings by pouring sweet oil over her body. It was truly a sickening sight. "Are you suffering?" she was asked. The lips of the poor creature opened slowly, the head was half raised from the carpet, and as it fell back heavily, a groan escaped the swollen lips, as she uttered the words, "My God, but this is horrible." And indeed it was horrible. Fancy the picture. The body writhing on the carpet; the busy crowd about, each one intent only on his own safety, and no one near but a few young men, attracted by curiosity to the horrible scene, and a little boy, who, pale and affrighted, held a candle over the body, so that the girl might not be trampled upon by passers by.

A pillow was procured for the poor thing finally by the gentleman who first called the reporter's attention to the unfortunate creature's condition, and there she was left at midnight.

Once the firemen and police had arrived, the hose was immediately dragged up the stairs, and they went to resume work. And serious work it was. In the neighborhood of the attic the smoke was so dense that for a time they were unable to make their way though the halls. Meanwhile the shrieks of the servant-girls in the upper stories were heartrending. Cry after cry of distress rent the air, and the firemen, redoubling their exertions, dragged the hose after them, bravely fighting their way through the dense smoke, one relieving another as fast as the foremost man was overcome and had to fall back for assistance.